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NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS ARE OPEN

Reid Wheeler, Election Committee Chairman

From December 1, 2000 thru January 15, 2001 nominations are open for the next two-year terms for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the seven members of the Board of Directors. Only one nomination each for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and only seven nominations for the Board shall be allowed each IRCA member. An eligible member may nominate him/herself. All nominations must be submitted in written form (letter, fax or e-mail) to the Election Committee Chairman (ECC) by January 15, 2001.

Please direct all nominations to 5910 Boulevard Loop SE, Olympia, WA 98501-8408. Telephone 360-786-6756, fax 360-753-3824 and e-mail reid@olywa.net.

IRCA 2000-2001 TED VASILOPOULOS AWARD

Each year, the IRCA membership selects an IRCA member to receive the TED VASILOPOULOS AWARD (TVA). The award was named after Ted Vasilopoulos, a charter member of the IRCA known for his high DX standards and contributions to the club. The award is given to the IRCA member that has made a significant contribution to promoting and keeping the IRCA a thriving club during the 2000-2001 DX season. The winner receives an engraved plaque and a free year SDXM/HDXM membership in the IRCA.

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Send the names and a brief description why the person should receive either award to: Lee J Freshwater, 256 E. Corporate Dr. # 803, Lewisville, TX 75067

Deadline for receiving nominations is February 1 2001.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greeting from Texas. As we move into 2001, I feel the need for a "State of the Club" message. Although finances seem to be good order, we are facing some serious problems in the year ahead.

First is the fact that we have only 4 nominations for the BOD, with nominations slated to close on 1/15/01. We have NONE for President or Sec-Treas.

Ralph WILL not be running again this year, and that position is multi-important to our club.

We also face the future without a publisher, as Eric as decided to step down at the end of the current volume # 38. We have been asking for people to step up, but so far we have had NO response. This may well spell the end of DXM as a paper edition.

The IRCA WILL continue, but perhaps as an "e-mail only" organization. Someone needs to "step up" to the plate and volunteer.

We are not without good news. We do have a solid bid on a 2001 Annual Convention from Mike Sanburn. I will be forwarding to the BOD a proposal to hold the 2001 convention in St. Louis, Mo.

I also want to take a moment to publicly thank Ralph and Phil for their contributions over the years. This club would have folded years ago without them. I salute you both !!!!! Also my sincere thanks to the current BOD. They have been great during 2000 and I look forward to another year of working with these fine folks.

All we need now is for a couple of new people to step up and help us out. Will that be you ?????

My best to all of you in the coming new year. 73 and all the best... Fresh

CPC DX tests

CPC Chairperson (IRCA) - Lynn Hollerman - lynnhollerman@netzero.net

- 1/ 7/01 Sun - 0200-0300 - KNUS - 710 - Denver CO (PG)
- 1/ 7/01 Sun - 0200-0300 - KRKS - 990 - Denver CO (PG)
- 1/ 7/01 Sun - 0200-0300 - KBJD - 1650 - Denver CO (PG)
- * 1/20/01 Sat - 0100-0300 - WAGL - 1560 - Lancaster SC (IRCA)
- 2/ 4/01 Sun - 0000-0200 - WILM - 1450 - Wilmington DE (NRC)

Sunday, January 7, 2001 - KNUS-710/KRKS-990/KBJD-1650, Denver, CO will conduct a DX test from 2:00-3:00 am EST. Programming will include Morse code, unusual music, and other readily identifiable programming. The programming will be simulcast on all 3 stations. The stations will probably run day power / non-DA the first half

hour and standard night power / patterns the second half hour.

The stations would also like live feedback from listeners by telephone during this event. The telephone numbers will be 303-631-2328 and 303-696-1971.

Reception reports may be sent to:

ATTN: Gregg Cassidy.
KNUS-AM/KRKS-AM/KBJD-AM DX test
3131 S. Vaughn Way, Suite 601
Aurora, CO 80014-3510

E-mail: DJ@1650thebeat.com

(Arranged by Patrick Griffith.)

Saturday, January 20, 2001 - WAGL-1560, Lancaster, SC will conduct a DX test from 1:00-2:00 am EST. The test will be conducted as follows: At 1:00 am EST, WAGL will turn their carrier on - static will be heard. At 1:05am EST, WAGL will begin carrier modulation with voice IDs, greetings, and music. The test will continue until 2:00am EST with music, voice statements, and possible Morse code IDs. WAGL will conduct the test using their full 50 kW into their 4 tower array directional antenna system.

Reception reports may be sent to:

B.L. (Len) Phillips
General Manager
WAGL-AM
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E-mail: waglradio@infoave.net

WWW: <http://www.waglradio.com>

(Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.)

Sunday, February 4, 2001 - WILM-1450, Wilmington, DE will conduct a DX test from 12:00-2:00 am EDT. WILM will play "unusual programming", sirens, and Morse code IDs. Allan Loudell, Program Manager of WILM, is preparing a special 25th anniversary yellow QSL card. Calls to the station may be placed at (302) 656-9800 - NO COLLECT CALLS, PLEASE!!!

Reception reports may be sent to:

Allan Loudell
Program Director
WILM News Radio
1215 French St.
Wilmington, DE 19801
(Arranged by Blaine Thompson for the NRC CPC)

If you hear a test, PLEASE, PLEASE let me know, via either e-mail or in rec.radio.shortwave! And if you send a reception report to a station, please remember to include return postage with your report...

PLEASE NOTE: Even if you don't hear a test, be sure and drop a card, letter, or e-mail to the station personnel, thanking them for going to the trouble to run a test!

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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FORMAT CHANGES:

FL Orlando	WNWZ- 740	was nx/talk, to be WQTM, sports (will
FL Orlando	WHOO- 990	was AS, to be Radio Disney (mid-2001)
FL Pine Hills	WQTM- 540	was sports, to be talk (February)
GA Metter	WHCG-1360	was classic hits//WBMZ, adds Hero classic hits
MO Independence	KCTE-1510	was sports, now 80's hits
NV Carson City	KPTL-1300	was oldies//FM, now oldies
TN Nashville	WLAC-1510	was talk/sports/religion, drops sports
VT Springfield	WNEX-1480	was cont Xtian, religion, rptd. silent
WI Sheboygan	WHBL-1330	was AC, sports, now talk, sports
AR Fort Smith	KWHM-1650	was KHFS, new, now talk/sports//KYHN
CO Denver	KBNO-1280	was KVOD, classical, now regional Mexican (debut 1/1/01)
ID Soda Springs	KBRV- 790	was country//KFIS, now classic country
MD Ocean City	WKHZ-1590	was WETT, silent, to be CHR "Top 40 KHZ" (2/21/01)
PA Philadelphia	WWDB- 860	was WTEL, religion, now financial //WSBR ("Money Talk Radio" will Evolve into a locally-produced station)
PR Caguas	WVJP-1110	was tropical, now tropical//FM "Criolla"
RI Providence	WHJJ- 920	was talk, adds Imus
SD Sioux Falls	KSQB-1520	was KSFS, sports, now WW1 stds. (I also show these as possibly KSOB, can anyone in Sioux Falls area confirm? - ye ed.)
VA Claremont	WHRP- 670	was WRJR, black gospel/religion, now SRN cont. Xtian

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

NY Youngstown	WTOR- 770	inc. to 9000-D, DA
WV Buckhannon	WBUC-1460	dec. to 25-N

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

CA Simi Valley	KIRN- 670	inc. to 35000/35000
CO Denver	KJME-1390	dec. to 4400/115
NJ Eatontown	WHTG-1410	dec. to 280/70

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

NY Islip	WLUX- 540	inc. to 320-D
NC Raleigh	WDTF- 570	inc. to 1000-D

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

OK Enid	KMMZ-1640	becomes KMKZ (station not on air yet-ye ed.)
AR Fort Smith	KWHN-1320	becomes KYHN
AR Fort Smith	KHFS-1650	becomes KWHN
CA Pasadena	KRLA-1110	becomes KSPN "ESPN Radio"
KS Kansas City	KFEZ-1340	becomes KCKN (old calls for 1020 Roswell, NM. Which became KINF on 11/25/00 per verie-ye ed.)
LA Houma	KJIN-1490	becomes KFKY
MD Ocean City	WETT-1590	requests WKHZ
NY Rochester	WEZO- 950	becomes WBBF
NC Red Springs	WYRU-1160	becomes WTEL
SD Sioux Falls	KSFS-1520	requests KSQB (also listed as KSOB?-ye ed.)
TN Madison	WMAK-1430	becomes WQCQ
VA Claremont	WRJR- 670	becomes WHRP
WV Wheeling	WOHZ-1600	becomes WKKX
ON Toronto	new - 740	becomes CFPT (other sources report CJPT?-ye ed.)

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

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Dennis Gibson of Santa Barbara, CA. passes on the following:

What's the status of the KFWE 50 KW CP? I asked a couple of years ago, and you said there were a few things to be ironed out with the FCC.

(reply from KFWE): We are still ironing. I hope to have good news on this issue soon.

Mike Brooker of Toronto, ON. passes on the following:

(RE: 740 Oakville, ON.):

After several weeks testing with only open carrier, heard Dec. 18 1900-1930 EST (0000-0030 UTC, Dec. 19) testing w/music and voice announcements. Played a motley variety of nostalgia and Big Band tunes, a few Christmas songs, as well as some 50s oldies such as Fats Domino's Walking to New Orleans. Lots of dead air (30-45 seconds) between songs. Announcement at 1930: "AM 740 is now test broadcasting in order to bring you the best music ever made, from Glenn Miller and Perry Como, to Anne Murray, Dionne Warwick and Céline Dion. Premiering Monday, January 8th, this is Prime Time Radio, AM 740". I have NO #\$\$^!&* IDEA WHAT THE CALLS WILL BE!! (M Street reports CFPT-ye ed.) But it's a pretty good bet that call letters will exist only on paper in a CRTC office in Ottawa. They will likely use only "Prime Time Radio", joining Fan 590, 680 News, Talk 640, and all the other Canadian non-IDers.

Mcooper@panix.com *** (location unknown) passes along the following: (from Orlando Sentinel)

Radio Disney, a popular children's format, is coming to Orlando next year on 990 AM (WHOO), a station that now offers nostalgia music ranging from big band to Barry Manilow. Atlanta-based Cox Radio Inc. plans to sell the station, an Orlando fixture since the 1940s, to ABC Radio Inc. for \$5 million in cash. The format change will come when the deal gains Federal Communications Commission approval, which is expected by the middle of next year. WHOO, which finished 16th among total listeners in the recent summer ratings period, accounted for \$450,000 of the market's \$105.4 million last year. ABC, a subsidiary of Walt Disney Co., launched Radio Disney in 1996. The addition of WHOO is Radio Disney's 49th affiliate, including stations in 19 of the nation's top 20 markets. Because of Disney World, Orlando has long been considered a key market for the format. "It's a little like the Vatican not having a radio station in Rome," said Tom Taylor, an editor of the industry trade magazine M Street Journal. Radio Disney offers a kid-friendly mix of music, news and sports features that incorporates listener requests and youthful hosts. When the station arrives, expect a heavy promotional push, Taylor said. "If this does come to fruition, as soon as you get off the airplane at the airport you would be looking at a billboard for Radio Disney," Taylor said. "It's a natural market for Disney and they promote heavily in key markets." Radio Disney would be the first children's format in Orlando since the demise of 950 AM (WZKD), an affiliate of the Minneapolis-based "Radio Aahs" format in early 1998. In the Orlando media market, the deal opens the door for Cox to purchase WRDQ-Channel 27, an independent station that has been operated by Cox-owned WFTV-Channel 9 under a local management agreement since its debut in April. To comply with FCC requirements, Cox needed to shed one of its seven radio stations -- WHOO, 580 AM (WDBO), 92.3 FM (WWKA), 94.5 FM (WCFB), 95.3 (WPYO), 96.5 FM (WHTQ) and 98.9 FM (WMMO). Alan Rock, WHOO morning host, was saddened by the news of the coming format change. "I'm just upset that the

audience that we have will be under-served," Rock said. Cox officials also acknowledged those listeners. "They have been so loyal to the radio station and we appreciate their loyalty," said Debbie Morel, WHOO general manager. "We are so sorry that it has to come to this. Hopefully they will find alternative stations within our radio group that will satisfy their listening pleasure."

Mccooper@panix.com *** also sends the following:

NMB to get AM radio station all its own
Published on: Saturday, December 16, 2000
By Kathleen Dayton
The SUN NEWS

An N.C. broadcaster who began his career in North Myrtle Beach has purchased a local radio facility and will begin broadcasting in March. Bill Norman, owner of Norman Communications Inc., in Albemarle, N.C., has purchased radio studios at 429 Pine Drive in North Myrtle Beach and will lease the 900 AM frequency from Fidelity Broadcasting, which formerly operated at the site. Norman's objective is to build a community radio station devoted to the interests of the North Strand. "We're going to operate the station as a station for North Myrtle Beach," Norman said. "We're not going to try to be all things to all people. We're not there to compete with anyone. We're coming to be involved in the community and to give North Myrtle Beach its own identity as a radio station." News, weather and community events will be the station's focus, Norman said. The broadcaster has not decided what type of music the station might play, but plans are leaning toward an oldies format. The AM station will inherit the call letters WNMB, former call letters for Fidelity's FM station at the Pine Drive site. "The call letters WNMB, that's sort of a tradition in North Myrtle Beach," Norman said. "I think it's pretty special." In September, WNMB-FM, formerly an adult contemporary station, changed its format to easy listening and changed its call letters to WEZV. The station moved in June to Wesley Drive in Myrtle Beach. The Wesley Drive studios also house Fidelity's easy-listening simulcast, WYEZ-FM (94.5) as well as Coastline Communications' WYNA-FM (104.9) and WGTN-FM (100.7). From Pine Drive, Fidelity has been broadcasting a simulcast of its easy-listening format on WGSN-AM (900). Matt Sedota, general manager of WEZV-FM, agreed that the call letters WNMB should remain at the Pine Drive location. "We moved the call letters from the FM to the AM because we felt it was important that they stay in North Myrtle Beach," Sedota said. Norman has purchased only the land and building at Pine Drive and is leasing WNMB-AM from Fidelity with the option to purchase. The broadcaster said there is room at the 5,000-square-foot facility for a second radio station, and his company could be shopping for another station as well. "We have chartered the division of our company as a licensed South Carolina corporation," Norman said. WNMB-FM will cover all of North Myrtle Beach and Little River. The signal will be heard in Loris, and it will be picked up as far south as 60th Avenue North in Myrtle Beach and as far north as Chadbourne, N.C. Norman maintains a second home in North Myrtle Beach and said his radio station is there to stay. The 50-year-old broadcaster began his radio career at the Pine Drive facility in 1972 just after finishing college. "I have never left the area entirely," Norman said. "I love the community. It's just a great place." In 1979, Norman left the North Myrtle Beach radio station to purchase his own station. He has operated radio stations in North Carolina for 20 years, including WABZ-FM (religious/gospel); WZKY-AM (oldies) and WSPC-AM (news/talk). WNMB-AM will be outfitted with new, state-of-the-art digital equipment. "I think people are going to be surprised at how good an AM station can sound," Norman said. "We are very high on AM radio, because if you put the programming on

the air that serves your community, people will listen. The new talk format has proved that." Norman's time brokerage agreement with Fidelity will be effective March 1, and WNMB-AM should hit the airwaves shortly after. Sedota likes Norman's idea for a community-based radio station and called Norman "an experienced and successful broadcaster." "I think it's kind of neat that he was the general manager of WNMB-FM back in the early 1970s," Sedota said of Norman. "In many ways, he's come home to the early days of his broadcasting career".

Dennis Gibson sends along the following:

From LA Radio People:

KVEN Rumors

LARP Ventura County stringer Harvey Kern forwarded a Ventura County Star story that says persistent reports that Ventura County's first news and talk radio station will soon switch to Oldies music have been called mere rumors by station management. "But several sources said changes appear to be imminent at KVEN 1450AM in Ventura, a talk station since 1980 and until recently the area's radio news leader." The story says that KVEN gm Miles Sexton acknowledged that KVEN is struggling. Sexton said local AM audiences are not growing. Powerful Los Angeles stations KFI, with a talk format, and all-News KNX have more Ventura County listeners than either KVEN or KVTA, he said.

Art Blair of Folsom, CA. sends along the following:

(Re: KUBA-1600 Yuba City, CA.):

KUBA broadcasts from 5:00 a.m. until 12:00 Midnight. However, at dusk each day we reduce power and send our signal in a more directional east-to-west pattern, so it may be more difficult to get in the Sacramento area. This is happening at 4:45 this month and then gradually extends to 8:30 during the Summer.

Russ Edmunds *** of Blue Bell, PA. sends along the following:

"Beasley Broadcasting has brought the WWDB calls back to life in Philadelphia. Religious WTEL 860 / Philadelphia is now WWDB -- again (for the second time since last February) -- this time with a brokered business news/talk format as "Money Talk 860AM." WWDB is mainly simulcasting sister station WSBR-AM/Boca Raton, FL." "After being bumped from WFPG Talk Radio 1450, Bruce Williams has returned to the area on WONZ 1580/Hammonton. His show will be carried live on WONZ from 7-10PM while sister station WOND 1400/Pleasantville will carry the weekend portions of his show in the same timeslot. WONZ was simulcasting sister station "ESPN Radio 1490" WGYM/Pleasantville prior to adding Bruce Williams." (This isn't specific as to whether or not WONZ is dropping the ESPN simulcast at other times.... - RJE)

Bruce Conti *** of Nashua, NH. sends along the following:

From the Sunday, Dec 10 Everett Herald about 5000-watt KRKO plans to upgrade to 50 kW.

SNOHOMISH -- The Renton office of the Federal Aviation Administration is continuing to assess the safety factors involved in a proposal to locate radio towers on Lord's Hill, near Harvey Airport. "The aeronautical study is still in progress," said Duane Van Hoosen, an FAA airspace management specialist. "We are waiting for all the needed information from officials at Harvey Field." Information about the longitude and latitude for the end of the runway at Harvey Airport is pending from owner Kandace Harvey, Van Hoosen said. Once that information and other data arrives, he plans to compile it and determine whether the radio towers could safely be placed close to the airport. KRKO in Everett is asking Snohomish County to grant a conditional use permit to allow the station to

locate five, and possibly as many as eight, radio towers from 425 to 466 feet tall at 11304 132nd St. SE. The county's commercial permit division is processing the application. Because the proposed location of the towers is close to the airport, the FAA must give its approval before the permit process can proceed. Neighbors have expressed environmental concerns, questioned the aesthetics of so many towers, and some have written letters to the county asking that the project be stopped. Safety also concerns neighbors, since the area is so close to the airport. Van Hoosen said the FAA is accepting comments from citizens, as well as pilots, balloonists and those who parachute in the area. The FAA is expected to make a ruling by Dec. 18. KRKO officials said the new antennas would allow the station to increase its power from 5,000 to 50,000 watts, making it one of the five most powerful radio stations in the state.

Ben Dangerfield *** of Wallingford, PA. sends along the following:
According to this morning's Inquirer [DEC 8] WTEL-860 will change again to a business format [from religious] and go back to call letters WWDB now that that is changed.

Fred Vobbe *** (Lima OH) sends along the following:

Gore Offered Job As Radio Talk Show Host LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Vice President and still presidential hopeful Al Gore has been offered a job on a Los Angeles radio talk show if he fails to win the keys to the White House. Talk Radio 790 KABC offered Democrat Gore the chance of teaming up with its daytime talk show host Al Rantel for a putative "Al and Al Show" with a base salary of some \$200,000 -- about the same he would earn as president but without the perks of free room and board at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Gore, whose lawyers are currently challenging the presidential election results in the crunch state of Florida, won 73 percent of the popular vote in Los Angeles compared to 22 percent for his Republican rival, Texas governor George Bush. "I know that the vice president believes it is important to make a difference with as many people as possible and hosting a talk radio show in Los Angeles offers him a great outlet to do so," said program director Erik Braverman, only slightly tongue in cheek, on Thursday.

Reuters

Friday December 8 10:06 AM ET

Richard Hillman (location unknown) sends along the following:

Driving down through the Central Ozarks made the following observations on December 7: (Delco Car Radio)

1250 KBTC Houston, MO was silent. It is not listed in the local phone book.

1290 KALM Thayer, MO and 1330 KUKU Willow Springs, MO and 1450 KWPM West Plains, MO are transmitting together (with a few second delay in Willow Springs) as the "Ozark Regional News Talk Radio". All three seem to be below their rated power from the strength of the signals. All three call signs are given on the hour.

Chuck Boehnke of Keeau, Hawaii sends along the following:

KUAU Haiku, Maui 1570 kHz heard 9:45 PM to 10:PM s/off (0745 to 0800 UTC 12/12/00) with Gospel Music. Announced at s/off "This is KUAU Haiku, Hawaii signing off. KUAU is owned by the Assembly of God Church and is operated by Latitude 21 Broadcasting Inc." This is the name of the former owner's (Richard Miller) company and the voice signing off sounded very much like Richard Miller's voice. Good signal but slight Mexico QRM.

Saul Chernos (location unknown) sends along the following:

Bad new for DXers in the north-east...

I have word from a highly reliable industry source that CFPT 740 Toronto will start broadcasting Dec. 18. I assume this will be a test period, with the official launch in the New Year, but I don't know any more. DX 740 while you can...there's only a few days left.

Art Blair passes along the following:

KCRO-660 Omaha, NE's website lists their hours as 6 AM-8 PM, CST.

Just 5 days till Xmas, and 11 days till the TRUE new millenium (21st century). Will they Still be called "20th Century Fox"? Time will tell. Hope you get some good DX in your stocking! 73's, Happy 2001!

 FCC

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Call Signs reserved for Pending Sales Applicants **

NEW CALL	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY	FORMER CALL
KAKK	WALKER, MN	1600	KLIZ

** Commission grant and consummation does not automatically grant call sign application. The new licensee must provide written notice to the call sign desk upon consummation of the transaction and await authority from the Commission to use the new call sign.

CALL SIGN CHANGES

NEW CALL	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY	FORMER CALL
WQDQ	NASHVILLE, TN	1200	WKDA
WTCK	BARTLETT, TN	1210	WWGQ
WXDX	DEARBORN, MI	1310	WYUR
WARL	ATTLEBORO, MA	1320	WJYT
WGME	WATERTOWN, NY	1410	WUZZ
WKDA	MADISON, TN	1430	WQCQ

PENDING CHANGES:

WINZ	PINE HILLS, FL	540	WQTM
WQTM	ORLANDO, FL	740	WWNZ
PENDING FORMAT SWAP IN ORLANDO IN FEBRUARY 2001			
KBNO	DENVER, CO	1280	KVOD
JANUARY 1 (NOT NOTED IN FCC DATABASE YET)			
WKHZ	OCEAN CITY, MD	1590	WETT
PENDING- FEBRUARY 21, 2001			

We have put this information in order of frequency rather than location. Send any suggestions, changes AND corrections to the above E-Mail address.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 630 KXLI WA, Opportunity fair on top with ESPN sports. This one has been a toughie to hear, only heard once before under the KKPL calls years back. ID at 1659:50 12/10 "The Score, KXLI Opportunity-Spokane" back into ESPN sports. They only run 530 watts during the day ND. (PM-OR)
- 1610 KALT TX, Atlanta 12/9 2054 weak under/over TIS stations with Fox sports. Heard with Heisman Trophy news after 2100. Didn't catch ID until 2358, but mainly buried under TIS, sounded like "1610, KALT, Atlanta, Texas," but uncertain. Faded in & out all evening. Bad sunspot QRN again ruining conditions to the east. I will sure be glad when these solar storms finally end. (PM-OR)
- 1650 KWHN AR, Fort Smith 12/21 fair to poor with talk (sounded like sports) with several local spots and weather for eastern Oklahoma/western Arkansas and ID's "Newstalk 1320 KWHN" at 0005. It would peak rather nicely then fade under KDNZ, some KBJD QRM too. Now I have all the X-banders heard again. (PM-OR)
- 1690 *KSXX* CA, Roseville talked to GM at KSXX and it is them using test tones to test their antenna. No programming yet, but any day now! Test tones have been heard in Oregon. (GJ-CA)

KSXX +First noted with bad hum 12/20 1859 with Spanish, heavily produced KLIB ID, ads, English KSSX ID and PSA. Same at 2000, but also a disclaimer and then Asian

programming. On 12/21 at 2330, it had Hmong programing (either ex-KBIF or // to it). On 12/22 it had urban contemporary at 0255 and at 0259 a sting of ID's for a dozen mostly-FM Spanish language stations, (CA, OR, WA, NM, NE, etc) and then into Spanish pops. At 1158 distorted Spanish religion. It is very loud here (it splatters 1700) but unlike KXOL, has very deep fades. Mighty glad I got WPTX two weeks ago. (PT-WA)

+12/20 2050-2103 surprised to hear this on; relaying 1110 KLIB with Asian language program, on hour, lengthy KLIB ID in Spanish, with chime effects; at 2102 cut in with "1690 KSXX Roseville-Sacramento," then PSA in English for Asian language show. Huge huge signal (day power testing?); there goes 1680-1700, hi! (RT-CA)

+About even with KDDZ at 0900 on 12/21. After a Christmas carol in Spanish, I heard Roseville-Sacramento mentioned several times, then ID for KLIB (affiliate on 1110). New. (LG-MT)

+12/22 0045-0102 noted here with Spanish talk with fady signal getting ran over by nearby computer/TVI/dimmer switch QRN. Surfaced at 0101 with ID in English "KSXX Roseville-Sacramento." (DKK-CA)

+12/22 1225 good on car radio with woman in Spanish doing a religious program. KSMH and KDIA, both near KSXX, were much weaker. 12/22 1518 still good on car radio with man in Spanish doing a religious program. Neither KSMH or KDIA were there at all; it looks like this new expanded band station is getting out quite well. (DG-CA)

521 INE MT, Missoula 12/11 0714 fair with "INE" in code, not heard in a long time. Wonder if they were off the air? (RW-CA)

530 WNVAS14 WA, Tacoma new HAR is on at 38th St. at I-5, with loop warning of major construction the next 8 months. Tops Tukwila HAR. (PT-WA)

560 CKNL BC, Fort St. John 12/17 0152 good on top on northern antenna with "N-L Country" ID. (PM-OR)

630 KIDO ID, Boise 12/10 good over taking KXLI at 1706 with Boise weather, mentioning KIDO. A regular at night but not heard much during the day and not this strong. (PM-OR)

?CHED? AB, Edmonton 12/10 fair on top at 1707 trading places with CKOV with "Ched, Alberta's best station." (PM-OR)

+12/18 0106 three stations fighting it out; weather report with -10 temp noted, mentions of Quebec; Rhona at Night, Coast to Coast with Ian Punnet and an old radio show were there. CHED's just a guess. (RT-CA)

CKOV BC, Kelowna 12/10 fair in jumble with weather for Kelowna at 1706:30 mentioned a high of 4 degrees. (PM-OR)

700 WLW OH, Cincinnati 12/9 2306 bombing in, excellent signal; "Newsradio 700 WLW" ID. Not needed, but nice to hear Ohio still, next to local slopper KFIA-710. (RT-CA)

780 WBBM IL, Chicago 12/14 0041 with ad for Jewelry Exchange in Elmhurst and then time check and ID. (KR-AZ)

830 WCCO MN, Minneapolis 12/14 0048 with "Traffic on the eights on CCO." There was some sort of a problem on I-94. (KR-AZ)

CKKY AB, Wainwright 12/20 0438 thanks to insomnia, I DX'd; in KNCO null, crisp signal yet way underneath, heard country music, then "Key 83" ID while talker in Grass Valley took a breath, hi! I'll take that as a logging, hi. All new!!! (RT-CA)

890 CJDC BC, Dawson Creek 12/20 0538 on top of channel in KDXU

- null, Fairview Ford ad, then "Peace Country's Best Mix Radio 890 CJDC CJDC" (repeated once). Needed from Davis. (RT-CA)
- 920 CKCQ BC, Quesnel "Caribou Radio" mention, news, a lot of Williams Lake ads 12/12 1158. It's either CKCQ or KIHM hanging in till about 1400 daily. (PT-WA)
- 980 CKRM KS, Regina 12/18 0138 noted strongly on top of frequency with "Red Ribbon" campaign, then "980 CKRM" mention, weather report. Needed from Davis. (RT-CA)
- 1010 KSIR CO, Brush 12/11 0830 blasting in actually over/under KIQI looping San Francisco! Strong with ad for Red Dairies of Brush & Ft. Morgan, promo for KSIR/agbiz.com, weather for Brush (high of 14, low of -6). (RW-CA)
- 1020 KYXE WA, Selah-Yakima 12/11 0602 with ID in English atop KTNQ. Heard from 0550-0605 with Ranchera music. Assumed "Radio Mexicana" I heard several days earlier. (DKK-CA)
- 1030 KLLU OR, Reedsport 12/10 1935-40 atop in KTWO null, with local and Christmas ads, call ID, local weather & more ads. Into Marty Robbins "Big Iron." C&W format. "Real Country" slogan. Power cut at 1945. (DKK-CA)
- 1050 KTBA AZ, Tuba City 12/15 1954 big surprise! Faded up over KTCT with end of Odyssey program, SRN news at 1955, faded up even more strongly to completely dominate channel with Today's good News spot, ID's as "Your companion of Encouragement, KTBA Tuba City, 1050 on the AM dial." New! (RT-CA)
- KEYF WA, Dishman is now on with the comedy format. Promos and ID good 12/11 1857. With KBLE off, the channel is now a mix of KEYF, KTCT, KORE, KMAP and CICF. (PT-WA)
- 1070 KATQ MT, Plentywood 12/15 1815 briefly good and clear with Christmas music and promo for "Juke Box Friday Night" on KATQ, local sports. Quite good, then gone. (PM-OR)
- ?CBUU? BC, Clinton 12/18 1204 presumed the CBC mixing with CFAW with the "World at 6," // 1260 & 690, with news on eastern Canada storm. This is the only repeater listed here in BC and they now run 200 watts per the CBC Vancouver. (PM-OR)
- 1090 KBOZ MT, Bozeman 12/10 0200-0205 with CBS news, ID 0206 after local weather, into C&W song with Randy Travis. Nulled in over Tijuana. (DKK-CA)
- 1130 KWKH LA, Shreveport 12/15 0730 with news. Apparently they share news resources with 710 KEEL. They were talking about closings due to a big ice storm. Then played C&W Christmas music and used the slogan "Holiday 1130." (KR-AZ)
- 1140 CHRB AB, High River 12/15 1930 with ID under KHTK. (DKK-CA)
- 1150 KSAL KS, Salina 12/15 0750 with a farm report then ID. KCKY was off, there was no Spanish relig. from them and there was an unID Mexican on also. KSAL was heard under the Mexican. (KR-AZ)
- KKCT OR, Portland 12/20 1915-1930 with political talk show by two men, local show. Break for ID & weather 1921-1923. Also used "Radio 1150" slogans. Call ID 1923, local ads and back into talk program. Was well atop all thru-out with nice, decent signal. (DKK-CA)
- 1240 KSUE CA, Susanville 12/21 2000 atop with ID. (DKK-CA)
- 1250 KLLK CA, Willits 12/20 1934 with good clean signal and "Newstalk Radio" and "Voice of the Redwood Empire" slogans and call ID during break in Dr. Dean Edell syndicated talk show. Rarely in this well. (DKK-CA)
- 1290 KCUB AZ, Tucson 12/20 2259-2302 noted strongly with country

and western in KPAY null; at 2302 ID'd with "KCUB Tucson" singing jingle. New from Davis. (RT-CA)

1340 CIVH BC, Vanderhoof 12/17 1155 on top of channel with "Wild Country CJCI 620" ID. This one gets out well, // 620. (PM-OR)

1370 KSOP UT, S. Salt Lake City 12/10 1859 Shelly Wright CWM song, then "It's one minute before 5 on KSOP," "Happy holidays from Utah's Best Country KSOP" strong, dominating channel. New for me! (RT-CA)

1390 KLTX CA, Long Beach 12/15 0340-0358 with Spanish talk. Looped well atop. Slogan given repeatedly, sounded like "Radio Maribeta." ID in English at 0359 was for 4 or 5 So. Calif. stations including KLTX. Dunno if KVIN was off or not as they are usually very dominant here. (DKK-CA)

KKSO IA, Des Moines 12/16 mixing with KRRX, KLGW at 0645 with Business News, ID as 1390 and 1700, checked 1700, was // to 1390. (PM-OR)

KRRZ ND, Minot 12/16 on top of KKSO briefly with Aretha Franklin song and ID as "Your radio station is KRRZ" at 0647. (PM-OR)

1450 KVML CA, Sonora "Voice of the Mother Lode" atop the growly heap with ID 12/15 0600. KSUH off. New. (PT-WA)

KFLS OR, Klamath Falls "Great oldies 24 hours a day" in with ID 12/15 0200. KSUH off. New. (PT-WA)

1480 KRXR ID, Gooding 12/19 2300 heard here with Spanish programming. Full ID at top of the hour in English "KRXR 1480 Gooding, Idaho." New for me. (MJS-AB)

1500 KSTP MN, St. Paul 12/20 2238-2304 monster signal, burying KSJX; Mischke talk show; tuned away, came back at 2304 to hear Shane Co. ad, then "AM 1500 KSTP." New from Davis. (RT-CA)

1540 KASA AZ, Phoenix 12/20 1940-1943 huge signal over KMPC with Spanish talk. This is pretty regular here. (DKK-CA)

1550 KUAZ AZ, Tucson 12/15 1858 after NPR ID's, spot for Fresh Air on Saturday on Z-89, then ID by male "KUAZ Tucson 1550 AM, KUAZ FM 89.1 and (translator) in Sierra Vista, it's 5:00." Dominating channel, call change needed. (RT-CA)

1600 KYBC AZ, Cottonwood 12/20 0525 with KUBA off, jazzy holiday music, weak but clear on top, then promo with "KYBC Cottonwood." New, never heard before. Wish more stations would do silent periods again, hi! (RT-CA)

KCKK CO, Lakewood 12/17 good on top with "KCKK Lakewood-Denver" ID at 0159:30. (PM-OR)

?WMNE? FL, Riviera Beach may have been the one with a "Radio Disney" ID by a kid at 0205 12/17, but soon lost in jumble. The only Radio Disney I can find listed for 1600. Conditions are pretty good to the east tonight. The best in weeks. (PM-OR)

KCRG IA, Cedar Rapids 12/17 trading places with KATZ & KCKK with ESPN sports and "KCRG Cedar Rapids" ID at 0159:50. (PM-OR)

KATZ MO, St. Louis 12/17 0155 heard with Gospel music and "Gospel 1600" ID over/under others. (PM-OR)

1610 TIS/HAR CA, Arcata 12/6 0600 with CalTrans TIS/HAR nulled, heard Arcata, CA TIS/HAR very weak. (GJ-CA)

KOP796 MT, Deer Lodge 12/14 0030 while listening to KALT, faded up and down, with info on Grant-Kohrs Ranch and things to do in Deer Lodge. New for me. (PM-OR)

KALT TX, Atlanta 12/11 0700 in with Fox sports. Not real strong here, faded in & out. Still on night time power. (GJ-CA)

- +Fairly good tonight 12/16 with "Coast to Coast" program and USA news. Noted from 0445-0510 in KBLI splash at 0459:50 "Atlanta's AM 16-10 K-A- L-T" into USA news at 0500. You never seem to know what this station is going to run. At least this morning I am hearing ID's. (PM-OR)
- 1630 WAWX GA, Augusta a wonderful Christmas present on 12/21. At 2253 I heard "In Augusta...1630" and at 2306, ID for WRDW-1480. New. Strong QRM from KCJJ, but no sign of KKWY (was it on?). I phoned station (new # 706-855-9494) and learned that the correct call here is indeed WAWX, not WRDW. The two stations do simulcast. (LG-MT)
- 1640 (KDIA) CA, Vallejo 12/20 noted off this evening. (RT-CA)
 KPBC OR, Lake Oswego 12/20 2157-2203 weak but readable with rapid flutter; end of "Miracle Revival Hour," faded down, back up but Murphy was doing a twofer when the ID was delayed till 2201; "KKSL and 1640 KPBC" ID heard on fade up. Another signal noted underneath a few minutes later but not readable. Heard under KDIA before but finally ID'd. (RT-CA)
- 1670 KAZT CA, Redding noted at good level with Laker-Heat basketball and spot for RIDE (Shasta Transportation Dist.) 12/19 2100-2106, // KNRO-600. According to Phil Bytheway, they went off 12/20 0100. Still not back on as of 12/22 1300. (PT-WA)
- WRNC GA, Warner Robins in 12/9 0249-0344 with feline growl, calls and "continuous country music." Some WTDY. (PT-WA)
- 1680 WTRF FL, Winter Park fair with Florida Dept. of Transportation announcement 12/9 0248. Stronger at 0315. Seemingly a good SE US night, but no sign of WRDW-1630. (PT-WA)
- WJNZ MI, Ada 12/17 0048-0105 first noted strongly on car radio driving home, then heard at home with excellent signal strength; hip hop music, promo "Where you live.. 1680 Jams," audio slightly distorted. No legal ID at or near top of the hour. After 0113, second signal with English talk noted underneath. Needed from Davis. (RT-CA)
- 1700 KBBG IA, Des Moines 12/16 0300 on top of frequency with "The all new AM 1700 KBBG" by female, CNN news at the hour. New from Davis. (RT-CA)

UNIDS

- 880 12/20 0447 Coast to Coast AM heard over KIXI, then local promo, mention of what sounded like "TC Radio." No idea who this is. (RT-CA)
- 980 12/20 2233 heard on top of channel with ESPN Radio, checked later but was gone. KJOX-WA maybe? (RT-CA)
- 1280 12/15 0805 with Imus in the Morning. Does KDYL have Imus? It doesn't seem like the IDS capital of the world, Salt Lake City would have Imus on. (KR-AZ)
- 1360 12/19 & 12/21 1900-1914 station atop with what seemed to be a syndicated religious talk show. Both times it went "poof" at 1914. KPXQ-AZ cuts & switches at that time so maybe them?? (DKK-CA)
- 1490 12/1 my earlier tentative log of KZZZ having a "Star 1490" ID is withdrawn, based on others' logs; also, there's apparently a station in Idaho using a Star 107 ID. Will check this out further, and is proof that a slogan alone is no sure ID. (RT-CA)

Welcome back to WDXR Don! It's great to hear from you again.

2000-2001 IRCA "Pick-A-Pair" DX Contest
Standings as of December 15, 2000

1. Pete Taylor	CA/AB - 1240/1490	98
2. Nancy Johnson*	CA/WA - 1340/1490	62
3. John C. Johnson	CA/CO - 1340/1400	23
4. John Tudenham	TX/CO - 620/1070	16
5. Nigel Pimblett	CA/WA - 1240/1400	8
6. Mike Sanburn	WA/?? - 1000/????	4
7. Phil Bytheway	MT/CA - 1340/1450	3

*Contest manager nancyjohnson@prodigy.net is not eligible to win the prize. It's not too late, you can still join this contest!

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Radio Shack DX-398 stock.

SPECIAL INTEREST

1610 KALT TX, Atlanta. 12-13 fair to good. 07:00 clear calls, but no city. Easy to hear, but hard to ID! [TN-WI]
+12-16 good signal over Naperville TIS and one other station. 20:42 noted with sign on with ID and power then into music. Must have been testing, but noted earlier on 12-15 at 06:00 with ID. [TMJ-IL]
+12-18 good to fair signal with splash from KATZ-1600 and WTAW-1620. 21:25 with test tones. Heard KALT in 1984 on 900. [EB-MO]

DOWN THE DIAL

580 CKY MB, Winnipeg. 12-16 poor in CKAP null. 06:54 "KY 58" slogan and oldies format. [JJR-WI]
630 CFCO ON, Chatham. 12-22 fair in mono, intermittent stereo in KJSL null. 02:30 with oldies, frequent "6-30 CFCO" and "Oldies 6-30" slogans. Spots for Chatham and Wallaceburg, local weather. [EB-MO]
670 KLTT CO, Commerce City. 12-18 fair to poor mono signal with intermittent stereo under mono only WSCR. 17:50 noted with Christian talk and promos. "KLT" mentioned. [EB-MO]
+12-21 strong over WSCR. No sign of KBOI. 23:00 with ID into Information Radio Network news. [NJ-MT]
680 CJOB MB, Winnipeg. 12-20 good to poor with WJCE and others. 17:32 with local news, spots, promo for junior league hockey talk show. [EB-MO]
690 KGGF KS, Coffeyville. 12-22 during a pause in CBU programming. 20:00 with call letter ID. [NJ-MT]
730 CKDM MB, Dauphin. 12-22 good to fair with intermittent

stereo. Over XEX, KKDA. Semi-local KWRE off. 04:53 with "Today's hot new country, CKDM Dauphin" legal ID, country music, mention of western MB. [EB-MO]

810 KBHB SD, Sturgis. 12-20 good to poor with WHB, WAPB. 17:39 noted with "Pure Country 8-10 KBHB" and MST TC. Live remote from a local business. [EB-MO]

910 WDOR WI, Sturgeon Bay. 12-17 fair. 07:00 with AM/FM sign on (No SSB) into ABC News. [JJR-WI]

930 WBEN NY, Buffalo. 12-16 good, no WAUR. 05:55 with legal ID into talk programming. Not heard in a long time. [JJR-WI]

950 WNTD IL, Chicago. 12-8 fair. 19:00 with EE call-letter during SS "Radio Unica" format. Not new, but needed for call change. Not at all common here. [TN-WI]

WWJ MI, Detroit. 12-17 poor through WNTD OC! 06:00 with Lottery numbers, ID, and CBS News. Rare. [JJR-WI]

960 WFIR VA, Roanoke. 12-16 fair. No WSBT. 06:00 with ID into CBS News. Rare here. [JJR-WI]

970 WMAY IL, Springfield. 12-17 fair. 05:58 with "Hot Talk 9-70 WMAY Springfield." No usual Louisville. [JJR-WI]

1150 KASM MN, Albany. 12-9 poor, though steady. 07:48 with local spots and Christmas music. [JJR-WI]

1160 KENS TX, San Antonio. 11-29 fair to good. 18:35 with slogan "Kens radio AM 11-60" and traffic report with San Antonio highways. Spot for Texas Commemorative Silver Dollar. No call ID heard. [TN-WI]

1190 WLIB NY, New York. 12-14 fair. 18:35 ID in urban format. [TN-WI]

1210 KGYN OK, Guymon. 12-17 fair, nice signal. No WPHT. 06:52 with country format, calls. [JJR-WI]

KRSV WY, Afton. 12-11. 11:00 with ID by woman. [NJ-MT]

1230 WHCO IL, Sparta. 12-20 fair to poor over others. Noted stronger during daylight hours. 18:04 with CBS News, local spots, and Illinois Network News. IL#70. [EB-MO]

1310 CIWW ON, Ottawa. 12-16 very good, WIBA buried! 06:40 with spots, "More Memories C-13-10" jingle. [JJR-WI]

1320 KWHN AR, Fort Smith. (NO DATE) poor. 06:35 with calls in mess. [JJR-WI]

1420 KUJ WA, Walla Walla. 12-13. 19:59 with weather report, legal ID, new news. 20:06 into Michael Reagan talk show. [NJ-MT]

1440 WJLJ NY, Niagara Falls. 12-9 poor, but over all others. 06:45 with calls, promo. [JJR-WI]

1450 WMOH OH, Hamilton. 12-1 poor, but clear. 21:27 with "...on WMOH." Used to be more common. [JJR-WI]

WRCO WI, Richland Center. 12-10 poor. 19:57 with calls and satellite NOS. [JJR-WI]

1470 WRGA GA, Rome. 12-22 fair to poor with WMBD, others. 17:59 with "News, talk 14-70 WRGA Rome" legal ID into Channel 2 Action News from WSB-TV Atlanta. GA#25. [EB-MO]

1510 KVCI TX, Canton. 12-18 good to poor in WLAC null. 22:15 noted with "AM 15-10 The Voice" slogan, call letters in promos, weather forecast and Contemporary Christian music. Taped report sent. [EB-MO]

1530 KXTD OK, Wagoner. 12-1 fair to good. 18:32 with SS format, slogan "La Mas Buena" and EE ID. [TN-WI]

1570 WGSR FL, Fernandia Beach. 12-1 fair. 18:09 with "GSR Fernandia" and at 18:45 with "Great Star Radio WHSR." My FL#4, but maybe I better recount, hi. [TN-WI]

1580 WLIJ TN, Shelbyville. 12-16 poor, but dominant. 07:18 with bluegrass and station promo. [JJR-WI]

1610 WI, Milwaukee. 12-16 poor. 06:18 WI TIS with info on the collapsed Hoan bridge and alternate routes. No KALT due

to this! Thank you WI DOT. [JJR-WI]

UNID

1550 unID 12-8 unID fair signal. 06:30 with "You've found the right place! AM 15-50 WSG(M or N)..." or something similar. Stumped in South Milwaukee, I am. [JJR-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

December 27, 1975 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Rick Segalas of San Francisco, CA said he was 23 and a tax accountant ... Albert S. Lobel of El Cajon, CA told about the Jack London program on KDWN with mention of IRCA ... Charles A. Wolff of Castro Valley, CA told about the good reception of YNX 750 ... Bill Harang of San Jose, CA told about the new owner of KMBY who fired most of the stations executive staff.

OPEN MIKE

It's 2001! Wow, that used to sound like it was way off into the future, now it's here! This column was typed 12-23-00. 73, John ***** EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Hope you all had a nice Holiday Season, and the DX just "rolled" in. Here is the first installment of the new year....on with the report *****

STARS OF THE WEEK

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- (WM-MD) William McGuire 2412 59th Place Cheverly, MD
DX-398
- (AA-VA) Albert J. Arnold 5724 O'bisque Dr, Chesterfield, VA
23832-8137
FRG-7700/Drake R-8/Sony 2010
KIWA Loop/Eavesdropper/T, 42 ft traped
dipole / RF systems MLB Mk2, 66 ft

***** LOGGINGS

- 540 MD WDMV Pocomoke City 12/5 1800 Blk gspl music hrd, ID (WM-MD)
- 560 NC WGAI Elizabeth City NC 18 Dec 00,2345 UTC, -5 hours for
ELT Talk Show, "Common Sense Radio" with Oliver
North; Ad for "WGAI Radio Auction, Mon - Fri at 10
AM"; At 1800 ELT, "Your information radio station,
WGAI, stereo AM 56, Elizabeth City, 24 hours all
talk radio, This is CNN Radio News:" (AA-VA)
- 580 FL WDBO Orlando 12/7 "Newstalk 580"; ID, new (WM-MD)
- 610 FL WIOD Miami 12/7 1729 Heard ad for car dealer; office
printers; mention of south FL, "Newsradio 610";
time check, ID, new (WM-MD)
- 690 AL WJOX Birmingham 12/18 1730-1735 "Cooks Corner" Sports
show; discussion of SEC Football;"the jock";
traffic report;wx ; ID (WM-MD)
- FL WOKV Jacksonville 12/6 1900 Ad for FL prepaid college
program, "Jacksonville News, traffic and weather
station" "newstalk 690"; ID then CNN news and time
check (WM-MD)
- 740 OK KRMG Tulsa 12/6 0617 Time check, "Newstalk 740";ID (WM-MD)
- ON CFPT Toronto 19 Dec 00,0425 UTC, -5 hours for ELT

NOS music; "Your listening to a test broadcast - Canada's newest radio station AM 740 - We're specialize in the unforgettable music of F. Sinatra, The Big Band, T. Bennett, B. Darin, N. Diamond, and C. Deon, premiering Monday Jan. 8th, this is prime time radio AM 740" "This is AM 740 in test broadcasting. We're building the finest new radio station in Canada. Featuring the great music of N. King Cole, D. Martin, The Legionary Big Band, E. Presley, B. Stristand. Premiering Monday January 8th this is prime time radio AM 740." (AA-VA)

ON CFPT Toronto 12/20 2000 Prime time radio testing. listed phone number as 416-544-0740. (RC-KY)
(RC indicates he may have heard CHWO as the calls, M Street publication says they will use CFPT-ed)

ON CFPT 12/18 1745 NOS mx; new station; "Primetime Radio coming January 8" (WM-MD)

830 NC WTRU Kernersville 12/12 1730 Talk show hrd; "True talk live"; promo for Wake Forest BB. (WM-MD)

900 ON CHML Hamilton 12/12 2200 The Gabe Mirkin show; ad for bath acces.; ID promo for Christmas event (WM-MD)

910 NC WSTK Jacksonville 12/18 1800 "The source"; "The best gospel in the Carolinas"; ID (WM-MD)

PA WSBA York 12/12 1740 Call in show hrd; ID (WM-MD)

920 KY WTCW Whitesburg 12/12 2000 The M. Reagan show; "Letcher Counties News,Talk & Information station"; "Newstalk 920"; ID; USA net news. (WM-MD)

ON CKNX Wingham 12/12 1650 "Country 920"; ID (WM-MD)

940 FL WINZ Miami 12/7 1735 "Its the Radio Rose show on Supertalk 940" (WM-MD)

IL WMIX Mount Vernon 12/12 2023 Weather ; ID (WM-MD)

850 AL WYDE Birmingham 12/5 1640 Talk show heard, ID (WM-MD)

1060 IL WMCL McLeansboro 12/12 2100 HS BB game; ID; ad for Pizza shop in McLeansboro; good in partial KYW null, probably on day power. (WM-MD)

1090 TN WHGG Kingsport 12/18 1900 After sermon by preacher; "Your Voice in the Tri-Cities"; ID; good in WBAL null, new (WM-MD)

1110 VA WCKO Norfolk 22 Dec 00 ,1600 UTC, -5 hours for ELT Gospel Stn; music, "AM-1110 WCKO", "Welcome to Praise Center Station AM-1110, the Power Station", (website WTKO.com); At 1200 ELT, "AM 1110-WCKO, serving Norfolk, Virginia Beach, The Power Station"; (AA-VA)

1160 NJ WOBN Lakewood Township NOS mx hrd, ID (WM-MD)

NJ WVNJ Oakland 12/18 1645 Ads for bank & local business "where memories come alive" :ID then NOS mx (WM-MD)

VA WODY Fieldale 12/6 2000 Ad; ID; Mention of Fieldale-Martinsville (WM-MD)

1170 SC WLGO Lexington 12/5 1715 Blk Gspl hrd in WWVA null, male anc mentioning sign off; "the new L-G-O" (WM-MD)

1200 NC WSML Graham 12/12 1709 time chk; wx; "news for the triad" ID; // WSJS (WM-MD)

1290 PA WFBG Altoona 12/7 1648 Presumed with NOS mx, "Great Songs, Great memories" (WM-MD)

1320 VA WVNZ Richmond 12/7 1654 Business ad hrd; SID (WM-MD)

1360 OH WCKY Cincinnati 12/6 Miami(ohio) BB game hrd (WM-MD)

1370 NY WXXI Rochester 12/12 1706 Weather fx;time chk;ID (WM-MD)

1380 VA WVBB Richmond 12/5 1649 Ad for clothing store on West Broad street, "the music of your life right here on unforgettable 1380"; ex-WTVR (WM-MD)

ON CKPC Brantford 12/5 2330 "More on classic 1380"; ID (WM-MD)
 1410 NY WBZA South Glen Falls 12/12 1827 Ad for appl. store; ID (WM-MD)
 1470 IL WMBD Peoria 12/12 2130 Internet address www.wmbd.com (WM-MD)
 VA WBTX Broadway 12/7 1700 hrd ad mentioning Harrisonburg; sign off; "Tune in tomorrow for the best in Christain music"; ID (WM-MD)
 1480 NY WADR Remsen 12/15 1840 Ad for Fric & Frac cafe in Rome; "sports radio tripple play- AM 1350/1480 & 1550" Must be on day power. (WM-MD)
 VA WTOY Salem 12/6 1708 ID by male hrd (WM-MD)
 1540 VA WREJ Richmond 12/5 1735 Blk Gspl music hrd, very good, ID, mention of Richmond. new (WM-MD)
 1550 CT WDZK Bloomfield 12/6 2142 Radio Disney hrd. (WM-MD)
 SC WBSC Bennettsville 12/6 1700 Talk about local holiday event; ID; USA Network news, S. Gspl mx also hrd (WM-MD)
 1630 GA WRDW Augusta 12/5 1740 promo for Augusta sports; "News talk 1630", ID (WM-MD)

UN-IDEN:

1020 ?? ???? 12/5 1720 Country Gspl music in KDKA null, very clear & strong. (WM-MD)
 1060 ?? ???? 12/5 2355 C&W mx hrd o/KYW; strong but fading (WM-MD)
 1080 ?? ???? 12/12 1755 S. GSPL mx hrd u/WFIC (WM-MD)
 1130 ?? ???? 12/12 1750 C&W mx hrd o/WBBR (WM-MD)

Thus endeth another EDXR. Thanks to all those who reported. see you all in 7.....fresh.....12/23/00 1400

 DX WORLDWIDE WEST

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Hello everyone. Some interesting TA DX to report this time around from both Mike Stonebridge of Alberta and Nick Hall-Patch from BC. Even I received a few here along the Oregon Coast of late. So away we go.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

153 NORWAY, Ingoy 0531 12/17. Good signal with mx of folk type, followed by two men discussing the mx. This one was also noted at 1317 with pop vocals and NN version of "Let it Snow" (NP-AB)
 +12/16 2159. Hrd here with NN programming, speech and mx. Think I got an ID at TOH, but unsure. Great signal at times. I got an hour on tape, so I will try for a QSL. Thanks to Nigel Pimblett and Mauno Rotola for confirming an earlier reception. (MS-AB)
 153 UNID, Very faint singing first hrd at 2341 12/12. Then a man talking in what sounded like Russian. Followed by more singing and talking. Poor at best. Several possibilities both East and West. (MS-AB)
 153 UNID, First hrd a carrier here about 1/2 hour before LSS. 12/14. By 2351 I hayyyy
 d a S-5 signal on the R7. Ended up by sitting on it for almost 2 hours. The program was mostly music in various formats, Big Band, C&W, EZL, Nat King Cole,

- Lite Rock, etc. and mostly in EE. Many anmts in what my wife thought was one of the Scandinavian languages, but was unfamiliar to me. At 0100 there was what could have been a jingle type ID with a female voice. Then what could have been the news followed by more music. By 0200 all audio had gone and just a faint carrier remained. Is this the new outlet at Ingoy, Norway? No other TA's audible, just carriers on 162,189, 198, and 1314. (MS-AB)
- 162 FRANCE, Allouis 0546 12/17. Man interviewing another man in the studeo. Very consistent signal, for several hours on both the 17th and 18th. (NP-AB)
- 177 GERMANY, Oranienburg 0035 12/18. Talks by both man and woman in GG. For some reason this one was good at times on the 18th, but had only barely audible on the 17th. (NP-AB)
- 183 GERMANY, Saarlouis 0507 12/18, in FF with discussion of European security, Not noted on 17th. (NP-AB)
- 188 UNID, Very faint audio from a man talking. Signal too poor to tell language 12/12. (MS-AB)
- 189 ICELAND, Gufuskalar 0158 12/17. Celine Dion song, news by man at 0200. This one is usually the best (an often the only) European LW station heard here, and was at very good levels at times on both the 17th and 18th. (NP-AB)
- 198 ENGLAND, Droitwich 0455 12/18. Last few minutes of a drama program, then into "The World Today" at 0500. Much better signal on the 18th than on the 17th. (NP-AB)
- 198 UNID, Faint carrier heard 12/12. (MS-AB)
- 207 ICELAND, Eldar 0604 12/17. 70's song by Dr. Hook. Was // 189 kHz. Not hrd on the 18th. (NP-AB)
- 216 FRANCE, Roumoules 0558 12/17. Man in FF, possible hurried ID at 0600, then into football (soccer for us North American types) scores. Not hrd on the 18th. (NP-AB)
- 558 UNID 0440 12/22. Sounded like possible IS or chimes in splash. (PM-OR)
- 963 UNID 0446 12/22 weak carrier (PM-OR)
- 1044 UNID Very faint mx hrd at 2330 12/11 (MS-AB)
- 1053 UNID Main talking in unk language at 2327 12/11 (MS-AB)
- 1179 UNID 0445 12/22 strong carrier (PM-OR)
- 1188 UNID, Faint talking hrd at 2323 12/11. Unable to make out lang (MS-AB)
- 1197 UNID, two men having a discussion in unk lang 1218 12/11 (MS-AB)
- 1269 GERMANY?, man and woman talking in what sounded very much like GG at 2314 12/11. Very possible Neumunster. (MS-AB)
- 1269 UNID 0444 Carrier here with maybe audio, but too much splash to tell 12/22. (PM-OR)
- 1314 NORWAY, Kvitsoy, prob the one here w/Jazz at 2219 12/11. Great signal at times S5+ on the R-7. Not even a carrier at 2355. If there is going to be an opening to Europe from here, this is always in. (MS-AB)
- +hrd the best in a long time at 0430 12/22, NN talk and folk/pop tunes. (PM-OR)
- 1314 UNID 12/12 A carrier was first noted at 2248 about 30 minutes before LSS. After sunset it disappeared only to return about an hour later. Very faint audio was hrd. Poor at best, unlike last evening, (MS-AB)
- 1314 UNID at 0519 12/16, carrier noted fading up and down, have just started hunting around for anything else, nothing hrd around LSS. (NHP-BC)
- 1314 UNID at 0516 12/17. Carrier noted with traces of audio fading up, man talking then maybe some choral music(?). Still way down in the murk. An apparent weak TA carrier also on 1188. (NHP-BC)

- 1377 FRANCE? Faint mx first hrd 2307 12/11 which faded up to become an old Eurythmic's hit. So very possibly Lille France. (MS-AB)
- 1422 GERMANY?, Man talking in GG 2308 12/11. Good signal at times. Very possibly Heusseiller. (MS-AB)
- 1458 ALBANIA?? two stations here with Christmas mx and talk at 2204 12/11. 2 men singing(?) at 2250. This was followed by woman singing. At 2255 there was what sounded like an anmt by and man in an unk language. This was followed by what I can only describe as "Anthem" type mx. Then suddenly at 2257 the station ceased transmitting leaving the second station alone and very faint. The speech sounded mid-European/Slavic/ussian so possibly Albana. The 2000 WRTH mentions the hours of broadcasting for VOA in Serbian from Fillake as being from 2300-2330 and Albania is UTC+1 which is close, but who knows? (MS-AB)
- 1611 VATICAN? At 0450 12/22, male talking, but couldn't tell language. Sounded like a minister. No ID possible (PM-OR)

Mike also mentions carriers 12/11 on 954, 1134, 1287, 1296, 1323, 1332, 1341, 1386, 1422, 1467, and 1557. Strangely nothing below 954 kHz.

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 870 MEXICO. Chihuahua, Guachochi XETAR 12/18 1313, with power up and choral version of Mexican NA, Legal Mexican ID given by female with very old and rustic Mexican fiddle mx in background. Then Noticias de Guachochi. Booming signal (KR-AZ)

QSLS***QSLS***QSLS

- 153 NORWAY, Injoy NRK full data card of the transmitter tower from v/s Berndt Erfjord in 61d for an IRC. (NP-AB)
- 1206 FRANCE, Bordeaux verie from Dominique Radanyi in 22d for an IRC. (NP-AB)
- 1314 AUSTRALIA, Wollongong, NSW, 2ZW, rec. QSL letter along with beautiful 2KY T Shirt (75th anniversary), cap, pen, 2 stickers, and two key chains in one month from taped report. Enclosed ms, but station spent \$17.60 Aust to air mail this package to me. One of the best QSL packages ever! V/S: Samantha Randell-Pers. assist. to Max Carter-CE. Address: 2KY-PO Box 1303, Parramatta NSW 2124 AUSTRALIA. Aussie QSL #221, NSW #88. (PM-OR)
- 1575 THAILAND, VOA full data QSL cd in 63d, also pgm guide and st of cds of US Presidents. (NP-AB)

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Ray Moore in Florida has a definite Thailand-1575 log for us this week.

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*** TRANS-PACIFIC DX ***

1575 THAILAND VOA Bangkok taped 1143-1157 DEC 17 and 1138-1147 DEC 18 with monologs in Oriental language separated by musical inteludes. In parallel with VOA Burmese service from Sri Lanka on 9890 and 11850 kHz. It is very difficult establishing a parallel where you have a very weak signal in an unfamiliar language and no distinctive music or other characteristics, but I am 95% sure in this case. I hope others with better locations and low noise antennas will try for this one. However, conditions may not hold up very long. Prior to the last two weeks, monitoring TP frequencies daily for eight years, I only heard this station well enough to tape audio twice, FEB 20, 1995, and FEB 1, 1998.

Now four times in two weeks. Peak reception was DEC 17 1145-1149. I would be glad to copy this for anyone who wants to send me a blank cassette. This segment includes switching back and forth between 1575 and 11850 kHz.

The following is Bruce Portzer's DX report from a recent trip to St. Lucia in the Caribbean.

Note that Dominica (ex-595) is on 590, Guadeloupe-640 appears inactive, and St. Lucia-840 is off AM (apparently for good).

"During the first week in December, I had the good fortune of taking a business trip to the Caribbean island of St. Lucia. Since the area is full of exotic DX stations, I brought along my Sony 7600D and circa-1980 Radio West loop, plus a cassette recorder and a digital walkman. The 7600D was ideal for this type of trip, thanks to its small size, external antenna jack, fine tuning control, tape output jack, and decent sensitivity/selectivity. Living in the northwestern US, I rarely ever hear any medium wave DX from Latin America, so I was definitely looking forward to the trip.

My hotel was in an area called Rodney Bay, near the northern tip of the island. It was on a small peninsula and about 50-100 yards from the water, so I had a mostly unobstructed saltwater path from the northeast to the southwest. The hotel's major drawback was the steel frame construction, and the builders had done a great job bonding the structural steel to the ground system. The end result was that if you were more than a few feet from the window you could only hear the AM/FM locals. Fortunately, my room had a small patio, so I spent my evenings DXing outside while the temperature dropped to the mid-seventies. Time was rather limited, since I was only there for 2-1/2 days and had to take time out for meetings, meals, sleep, and sightseeing. However, the results were still pretty good.

Daytime DX included stations in Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and most of the islands in between, plus PJB-800. I logged 16 countries during the day; of course it helped that I was surrounded by a bunch of small island nations. Unfortunately, I didn't have a lot of time during the day so many daytime signals remained unidentified. The strongest daytime signals were (in order) 1.St Lucia-660, 2.Dominica-740, 3.YVQE-720, 4.Dominica-590, 5.Martinique-1310, 6.St.Kitts-830, 7.St.Kitts-555, 8.Barbados-900, 9.YVSY-1470, 10.YVRS-1020, using a quasi-scientific method of seeing how far I could get from the window before the station disappeared.

As expected, most channels were full of Spanish speaking stations at night. As a general rule, stations heard well during the day would dominate their channel at night (until they signed off anyway). Some frequencies, like 1540, had a very dominant station that pretty much covered all potential interference. Others, such as 1280, were like US graveyard channels, with several stations fighting it out. Still others, including 1270, 1350, 1440, and 1450, had a strong buzz from whoever was off frequency, making it hard to identify much of anything. Many stations signed off around midnight, reducing the interference level quite a bit and revealing other stations that couldn't be heard earlier in the evening. The effect reminded me of DXing after midnight on Monday mornings in the late 60's and early 70's, when many US & Canadian stations had silent periods. I didn't hear any Brazilians and only one station from the Guianas, but they were in the one direction that didn't have a coastal enhancement effect. No Central Americans were heard, either, and only one tentative Mexican. Cuba and Hispanola were surprisingly hard to hear - I only logged 4 Cubans, 2 Dominicans and a tentative Haitian. In retrospect, more Cubans were probably there and just went unnoticed. There were, in fact, a lot of channels with good signals on them that I never nailed down simply due to lack of time. Overall, I heard somewhere between 27 and 30 countries, depending on how you feel about a couple tentative logs.

The US stations weren't hard to pick out, since they were usually in English (though some were in Spanish). I think I heard around 15 states. The easiest regular band station during the evening was WSAI-1530 in Cincinnati, which had no co-channel interference to speak of. KYW in Philadelphia was putting up a good fight against the LA stations on 1060, and several expanded band stations had good signals. The US was easier to hear after midnight, when stations as far away as Fort Worth (WBAP) and Chicago (WGN WBBM WLS) were heard. The strongest US station after midnight seemed to be WRVA-1140 in Richmond.

The highlight for me was hearing a few Trans-Atlantic stations. Vatican Radio-1530 had the best TA signal. Most of the others were from somewhere near the Mediterranean, except for Ireland-567, which really blew me away. It would be interesting to know how TA reception was in Europe and the eastern US/Canada at the time - I have absolutely no way of knowing if the TA opening was good, bad, or average by local standards.

Overall, this was a pretty exciting DX adventure, though not nearly long enough. I'm surprised there aren't more DX reports from this part of the world, since it's close to the eastern US and it's a popular tourist destination. Maybe the islands' reputations as romantic getaway spots are too incompatible with late night DX sessions ("You're not bringing your radio? are you, dear?"). Any of the other islands in the area would probably offer similar DX opportunities. I was able to hear quite a bit of interesting DX on a relatively modest setup. Someone with a communications receiver and a K9AY or Kiwa loop antenna could probably hear all sorts of exotic stuff, especially on the eastern side of one of the islands, where you'd have a direct shot at Africa and Brazil.

Now for the loggings:

- 530 TURKS & CAICOS, 2304 12/5 loud signal w/some Grenada-535 splat. Not hrd during day.
- 535 GRENADA, fair-good days & nights. Good w/funeral anmts 2303 12/5.
- 550 PUERTO RICO, Ponce, WPAB, 2307 12/5 RCR promo & Radio 5-50 ID in SS good.
- 555 ST KITTS, Basseterre, good days w/Zed Eye Zed IDs. Seems to be AN (still on 0617 12/7)
- 560 VENEZUELA, Pto Ordaz, YVRH, 2133 12/6, man & woman alternating w/what sounded like news, woman gave Radio Nacional de Venezuela ID, mixing w/Guyana. Noted //1240 at 2147 recheck.
- 560 GUYANA, Georgetown, 2159 12/6, good w/BBC Caribbean report, then woman w/news "compiled in the newsroom of the Guyana Broadcasting Corp". Promo about advertising on GBC 2202.
- 567 IRELAND, 0623 12/7 fair w/easy listening vocals, male ancr in EE w/Irish accent. A couple of clear "Radio One" IDs, then news 0630. This one was a major surprise and probably my best catch.
- 570 USA, Asheville, WWNC 0624 12/7, atop w/ID "the stn that's first for nx, wx & your all time country favorites, WWNC", then cw song.
- 570 DOM REP, Sto Domingo, R Cristal, 0307 12/6 apparently the one w/list of stations in Dominican cities, including Santiago, La Vega, La Romana, & others I couldn't decipher. Poor but briefly atop, then faded.
- 570 CUBA, 0409 12/7, Reloj ticker fair in jumble
- 585 SPAIN, Madrid, 0636 12/7 fair w/SS talk, sounded like news pgm, w/distinctive musical riffs. Strong enough to recognize words like buenos dias & noticias, inflection was much more sharp and staccato than Latin American Spanish. Fair until 0645 then faded.
- 590 DOMINICA, Roseau, has moved here from 595, good signal day & night. Has anmts & ads in EE & French patois. Off by 0305 12/6, leaves OC on AN.
- 600 VENEZUELA, Cumana, YVQB, 1120 12/5 noted w/many "R Popular" IDs during talk pgm, Also a couple ments of Sucre. Not sure if that's the name of the show or a relay of someone else.
- 610 TRINIDAD, Port of Spain, 2200 12/5 good w/Hindi pgm, then "This is NBN, National BCing Network, 610 AM, 91.1FM, 98.9FM & 100FM", then time check & news. Weak days in 660 splatter, i.e. 1738 12/6 w/Hindi mx & EE anmts
- 612 UNID, hets here & 621 around same time 567 & 585 were in 12/7. Too much splatter to get audio. No other hets noted, so the opening was apparently confined to the low end of the dial
- 620 ANTIGUA, St Johns, Radio ABS fair-good days & evening but suffered from 660 splatter
- 620 UNID, 0411 12/7 ID as Radio Estrellas Dias or something phonetically similar, then ancr started talking about Supermercado Funda (?). Doesn't match anything listed.
- 640 GUADELOUPE, no sign of them, could only hear YVQO when I nulled local 660 splatter. Probably either off the air or using drastically reduced power. DXLD reports they have been off due to the staff being on strike.
- 660 ST LUCIA, Radio St Lucia, 0359 12/6 s/off, to return at 5 a.m., then St Lucia NA. Mentioned FM freqs of 97.3 north and 97.7 south. Leaves carrier on AN w/noticeable amount of power line hum. Now the only AM station on the island. Sideband splash noted from 610 to 680 an estimated 8-10 miles from xr site. Format is typical of other stations in the area; a mix of different types of regional mx w/some light rock/r&b/cw

songs.

- 670 VENEZUELA, Caracas, YVLL, 0416 12/6 good w/political talk, which sounded like a presidential address or something similar (can't say for sure due to my very limited knowledge of Spanish). Was //640/750/880/920/1020/1040/1050/1070/1090/1110/1120/1220/1240/1260/1340/1470/1580 and probably a bunch of others. Speech apparently ended 0454, when everyone suddenly signed off. Unfortunately I missed the s/off anmts except maybe the one on 1340, but it was interesting to hear different versions of the Venezuelan NA as I tuned down the dial. Not sure why they were airing the speech this late, other than many stations were running sports play-by-play earlier that evening.
- 680 VENEZUELA, Cumana, YVQR, 1846 12/6 SS talk w/mentions of Cumana, no definite ID
- 680 UNID, 2312 12/5 someone atop w/Radio le Rey mention, not sure if ID, name of pgm or what.
- 690 ANGUILLA, Caribbean Beacon, good signal with tedious religious talks any time I tuned here day or night, never had the interest to wait for an ID. This station gets my vote for the world's most boring programming.
- 700 VENEZUELA, Pto Ordaz, YVPQ?? 0500 12/7 what sounded like a Radio Sur ID, then ad w/ments of Venezuela
- 705 ST VINCENT, fair days w/typical island type programming. Never really checked their s/off time
- 710 USA, Miami, WAQI, 0402 12/7 long SS promo w/many Radio Mambi IDs, also "WAQR Miami-Ft Lauderdale" ID in EE, seemed to go on forever. Finally went into talk show 0405, which opened with a few bars of "Theme from a Summer Place".
- 720 USA, Chicago, WGN 0516 12/5 good w/call ID & Business nx
- 720 VENEZUELA, Porlamar, YVQE 1137 12/5 full-blown ID w/Oriente slogan, call, city, state, etc, then string of local ads. Also 2206 12/5 monster signal w/R Oriente ID. Third strongest signal during the day after 660 local & Dominica-740.
- 730 TRINIDAD, Port of Spain, 2203 12/5 news, local ad, sports (US Basketball scores) & ID. Strong but some YVQE-720 splatter. Good at other checks during evening 12/5&6. Not hrd during day due to 720/740 splatter & local terrain blockage. Seems to run BBCWS all night. Nighttime QRM from a couple of SS stns I never identified.
- 740 DOMINICA, the second strongest daytime signal after the 660 local. Uses "Caribbean Voice of Life" slogan, mostly Christian mx in various Caribbean styles, also nx from unid US network & a few canned religious pgms. Announcers spent most of their time asking for money to keep the stn going - appeared to be the equivalent of pledge week like on NPR/PBS, rather than something they do all the time. Didn't check s/off; WRTH lists it as 0100, which is probably correct.
- 740 PUERTO RICO, San Juan, WIAC, 0123 12/7 strong w/Radio Puerto Rico ID during sports broadcast
- 740 UNID, 0521 12/5 Xmas greeting w/mention of Venezuela, Guyana, & Armonias or similar sounding name, possibly listed YVNQ R Caroni.
- 750 COLOMBIA, Medellin, HJDK, 0403 12/6 assume this was the one w/many ments of Colombia during ad
- 750 VENEZUELA, Caracas, YVKS, 0101 12/5 strong w/RCR ID & mentions of Caracas (pronounced cah rah CAHS)
- 760 PUERTO RICO, Mayaguez, WORA, 0409 12/7, atop w/promo for Super Kadena Noticias & ad for a place in Bayamon.
- 760 USA, Detroit, WJR, 0410 12/7 "?.JR news" hrd way u/WORA
- 770 COLOMBIA, Bogota, HJJK, 0525 12/5 dominant o/2-3 others w/"Radio Sucesos RCN" & "RCN Bucaramanga" IDs. RCN Bogota ID

good during nx 2319 12/6.

774 UNID, 2320 12/6, TA carrier w/bits of audio. Spain?

780 USA, Chicago, WBBM 0408 12/7 atop w/traffic report

780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, Roadtown, 0158 12/6 "Zed BVI, the AM Advantage" ID & ads, then Reggae Christmas song "Santa Claus, Do You Ever Come to the Ghetto?", s/off by woman 0201, then brief hymn and GSQ. Good daytime signal in St Lucia

790 BARBADOS, Bridgetown, good daytime signal, also good nights w/minor QRM, owned by a Catholic church group so has a fair amount of religious content. Still on 0510 12/7 so probably AN.

800 NETH ANT, Bonaire, 2004 12/5 w/CBN nx in EE, various religious PSAs, fair signal all day. Unimpressive night signal; the new antenna system mustn't put much power to the east. Trans World Radio ID by woman 2328 12/6, then EE relig pgm.

800 CANADA, Windsor, CKLW, 0406 12/6 good w/Canadian ads, then talk show

810 UNID, strong signal here both evenings 12/5&6 starting a couple hours after LSS. Mostly SS songs w/no anmts, at least whenever I checked. Had women reciting the rosary just after 0200 both nights, also noted religious talks a couple of times. Very strong, almost local-like. At the time I thought it was Bogota, but now I'm not sure.

810 PUERTO RICO, San Juan, WKVM, 1958 12/5 fair w/nx in SS, WKVM ID in SS by man 2001, then short song w/call letters given a couple times

820 VENEZUELA, unid, 2230 12/5 woman ancr w/"La Musica Venezuela" mention, then harp mx

820 USA, Fort Worth WBAP 0407 12/6 ID in passing mixing w/SS stns.

830 ST KITTS, R Paradise seems to be AN as was still on 0534 12/5 & 0510 12/7. Good signal during day.

837 UNID TA het 0125 12/7

840 USA, Louisville, WHAS, 0536 12/5 o/1-2 SS stns w/call ID & teletalk, local nx 0430 12/7.

840 ST LUCIA, R Caribbean International is silent, called station & was told "we're not on AM any more", now only on FM 96.5 & 101.1

840 PUERTO RICO, Yabucoa, WXEW, 1202 12/6, R Victoria jingle & Xmas greeting, then YL DJ w/ SS rock mx

860 UNID 0540 12/5, bagpipe-like mx then man talking in low monotone for a couple of minutes, not sure if EE or SS, then inst jazz o/unid SS. Probably the same station w/interesting chime & flute mx 0515 12/7. Format suggests non-commercial/non-religious stn, possibly at a University. Any ideas?

860 VENEZUELA, 2225 12/6 either YVOL or YVYE, RCR ID & nx very strong //750

860 DOMINICA, listed in WRTH but no sign of them, just a weak SS stn here during the day. Should've been easy given the blowtorch signals from 590/740. Probably no longer exists.

860 VENEZUELA, San Cristobal, YVOL 0703 12/7 promo with several R Mundial IDs in the jumble

860 USA, Dunedin, WGUL, 0706 12/7, barely above the noise floor w/wx & call ID, into Perry Como song

870 USA, New Orleans, WWL 0543 12/5 probably the one w/Monday night FB postgame show o/u unid SS

870 VENEZUELA, Pto La Cruz, YVRU 1150 12/5 good w/Popular ID & nice Venezuelan harp mx

870 UNID, 0433 12/7 someone w/ TCs & "(unreadable)?8-70" IDs after each song

880 USA, New York, WCBS 0551 12/5 call ID & "39 degrees in Central Park" hrd u/YVYM

880 VENEZUELA, Pto Ordaz, YVYM, 0549 12/5 good w/lively SS mx &

Mundial ID o/WCBS. 0658 12/7 strong w/list of network affiliates including R Venezuela - Caracas (790), Tricolor - Barquisimeto (990), Mara Ritmo - Maracaibo (900), Mil Ochenta - Maracay (1080), R Barinas - Barinas (1190), R Carupano - Carupano (1110), R Bolivar - Cd Bolivar (1010), R Allende? - Nueva Esparta (?), Ondas del Caribe - Estdo de Falcon (1150), R Vallencia - Vallencia (1220), Mundial 8-80 - Pto Ordaz (slogans/cities are as copied over the air, I added the freqs based on published listings).

882 UNID, TA het 2333 12/6 & 0130 12/7

890 USA, Chicago, WLS, 0410 12/6 ID & time check atop freq w/some Barbados-900 splatter

890 UNID, 0517 12/7 someone playing SS covers of 60's soft rock songs like "1-2-3 Red Light" o/u WLS.

890 CUBA, 0656 12/7 good o/WLS, woman w/1:56 TC, mentioned "Recuerdos de los Cubanos" & "RC", then nx

895 ST KITTS & NEVIS, 1202 12/5 string of local & other island ads, ID as "The Powerhouse of the Eastern Caribbean, VON Radio", fair w/Barbados-900 splatter. 0202 12/7 just missed s/off anmt but caught part of the St Kitts NA, some of which vaguely resembles the US anthem

900 BARBADOS, seems to run BBCWS AN. Good-strong day & night.

910 VENEZUELA, Caracas, YVRQ 0022 12/6 good o/u unid SS teletalk w/R-Q ID.

920 VENEZUELA, Porlamar, YVQX, 1845 12/6 good w/ "Nueva Esparta, AM 920, la frecuencia de noticias" ID. Also 0025 12/6 w/ID & short song about themselves, good atop channel.

940 VENEZUELA, Cantaura, YVRU, 2335 12/5 strong w/Radio Fe y Alegria ID, same thing 0420 12/7

960 VENEZUELA, Maturin, YVRB, 12/5 2355 good w/R Monagas ID, then faded

960 CUBA, R Reloj, 0414 12/6 dominant w/ nx, distinctive clock ticks, "Reloj" ID tone & morse "RR" every minute

970 VENEZUELA, Barcelona 2356 12/5 R Mundial ID mixing with others

1000 VENEZUELA, Moron, YVMN, 1208 12/5 fair w/"Mil AM" slogan

1000 VIRGIN ISLANDS (US), VVWI, undoubtedly the one w/network talk shows in American EE weak all day u/Venezuela. Too weak to tell much more.

1020 VENEZUELA, La Asuncion, YVRS, 2022 12/5 strong w/varied SS mx, ments of Margarita & Porlamar during ads

1030 PUERTO RICO, San Juan, WOSO 0458 12/5 strong w/Jim Bohannon show & "Total Radio WOSO" ID in EE

1040 PUERTO RICO, Moca, WZNA, 2149 12/5, local ad, Notiuno jingle, ancr said "somos la noticias", then nx

1044 UNID, 2341 12/6 TA carrier hetting 1040/1050, bits of audio but nothing definitive

1050 VENEZUELA, Caracas, YVKA, 0030 12/6, RNV (which sounds like RNB) ID atop the hep

1050 USA, New York, WEVD, 2244 12/6 talk show & "Newstalk 10-50 WEVD" amid jumble of LA stns

1053 MOROCCO (tentative), 2150 12/5 het against jumble of LAs on 1050, male talk surfaced 2358-2402, nothing ID'able at TOH, then gone. Again 2233 12/6 w/"mid-east" music (to use the term loosely), man & woman in unid lang, then faded, back at 2249 w/possible Koranic recitations, still there 2256 w/definite AA talk. Woman spoke just before TOH, then brief mx or news sounder 2300 & different woman in AA w/what sounded like news.

1060 USA, Philly, KYW, 0600 12/5, legal ID, "all nx all the time" slogan & time tone, good o/weak QRM

1060 PUERTO RICO, Juana Diaz, WCGB, 2015 12/5 probably the one w/TC & ads w/prices in dolares

- 1070 COLOMBIA, Bogota, HJCG, 0535 12/7 good o/unid US talk show w/Radio Santa Fe ID, into LA pops
- 1080 VENEZUELA, YVQJ or YVNR, 0539 12/7 TC from Observatorio National in Caracas, SS DJ then mx.
- 1090 VENEZUELA, Caracas, YVSZ, 0732 12/7 good w/list of stns in network, Union Radio ID into nx by woman
- 1090 USA, Baltimore, WBAL, 0104 12/5 call ID & contest promo fair but dominant, then U of MD basketball.
- 1100 ANTIGUA, 0400 12/7 "Zed D K" jingle after 6 time pips, then continued w/usual Caribbean mx, possibly AN.
- 1110 VENEZUELA, Carupano, YVQT, 1952 12/5 loud w/elaborate R Carupano ID, then lively SS mx. Great signal all day & night
- 1120 VENEZUELA, unid, 0351 12/6 vocal version of Venezuelan NA at tune-in, obviously too late to ID it. Dominant o/another SS & presumed KMOX. Tried the following night but whoever it was stayed on late for the political speech (see 670). Odd s/off time in any case. 3 stations listed.
- 1120 UNID, 0344 12/7 someone w/lively pop mx mostly o/KMOX & another SS, seemed to give IDs in middle of songs, but haven't able to decipher them yet.
- 1130 USA, New York, WBBR, 0326 12/6, traffic report for New York o/unid SS
- 1134 SPAIN (tentative), 2249 12/6 woman talking, too weak to ID language. Still there 2255 recheck. Definite Spanish talk 2304.
- 1140 MEXICO(?), 0543-0550 & 0715-0728 12/7 unid stn w/Mariachi & Ranchera mx, delivery very typical of Mexican stns. Have several amnts on tape, but haven't found an ID yet. Tape available if someone wants to have a go at it. XEMR Monterey the most probable Mexican listed.
- 1140 VENEZUELA, Porlamar, 0102 12/6 LV del Caribe, long elaborate ID w/many ments of 24 hrs, i.e. "Porlamar, LV del Caribe, con musica y noticias las 24 horas del dia". Hrd this amnt at least one other time, but for some reason all I could hear after about 11 pm was a loud WRVA & a couple of UNIDs. Had one of the strongest daytime signals in St. Lucia and excellent signal at night. Maybe they aren't AN yet but will be soon.
- 1140 USA, Richmond, WRVA, 0351 12/6 loud w/ads, Coast-to-Coast talk show, "Newsradio 1140 WRVA" ID, seemed to be mixing w/Porlamar OC. Possibly the strongest US stn after midnight.
- 1150 UNID, 0558 12/7 possible Suceso ID, chopped up by OC &/or low hets
- 1160 ANTIGUA, CRL good day & night w/religious programs. Never checked further. Leaves OC on all night after s/off. Seemed already off (OC only) 0217 12/7
- 1160 UNID, someone's NA 0559 12/7, weak u/CRL OC, possible s/off
- 1170 USA, Wheeling 0559 12/7 atop w/legal ID, likely the one hrd earlier w/canned religion
- 1180 USA, Marathon, 0600 12/7 good w/Radio Marti ID
- 1190 PUERTO RICO, San Juan, WBMJ, 0100 12/6, ID in SS for WBMJ San Juan & WIVV Viques, then SS relig pgm
- 1200 UNID, 0601 12/7 ID sounding like Radio Orloncion, didn't sound at all like listed Dimension (YVSF) or Revolucion (Cuba)
- 1210 VENEZUELA/PUERTO RICO, 1858-1901 12/6 confusing mix of YVZT & WHOY at about equal strength. YVZT w/R Anzoategui ID & ments of Barcelona, WHOY w/R Hoy ID & ments of Puerto Rico
- 1230 VENEZUELA, Caucagua, YVNT, 2143 12/6 echo-chamber ID as R Barlevento after SS hip-hop song. Good at first but gradually faded.
- 1240 VENEZUELA, Punto Tumatey, YVNV, 0240 12/6 Radio America ID & mentions of Venezuela good-strong, apparently either a

- program name or alternate slogan for RNV. Radio Nacional ID & nx //560 2148 12/6. 0555 12/7 loud w/RNV ID & list of stns in the network.
- 1270 CUBA, Camaguey, 0450 12/7 Reloj poor in jumble, only recognizable parts were the morse "RR" every minute & occasional clock ticks
 - 1270 UNID, someone off freq creating a loud growl 2334 12/6
 - 1280 USA, New York, WADO, 0230 12/6, briefly surfaced w/"WADO 12-80 AM New York" ID in EE during SS talk, then faded into jumble of several other stns.
 - 1280 PUERTO RICO, Arecibo, WCMN, 0237 12/6, atop w/SS ID "WCMN 12-80 la Grande de Arecibo" then song
 - 1280 VENEZUELA, 2359 12/6 someone w/song about Venezuela, not sure if long jingle or a real song. Two YV's listed.
 - 1280 HAITI, Port-au-Prince, R Citadelle (tentative), 0005 12/7 definite French talk surfaced for a couple minutes, then faded into jumble
 - 1280 COLOMBIA, 0007 12/7, someone surfaced w/ads & Xmas greetings, possible ID as "Super de Colombia". HJTK?
 - 1300 NETH ANTILLES, St Martin, 1209 12/5 local nx in Carib EE, PJD2 ID, then local ads, fair. Also tried for Eustasis-1120 & Saba-1410, but nothing hrd (both use low power)
 - 1310 MARTINIQUE, Ft de France, RFO was dropped from WRTH listing a few years ago, but is still on the air. Semi-local signal (about 25 miles away), very low modulation level & has a tone in the background all the time. Probably AN. Local pgm w/ads 1159 12/6, then R Martinique ID & nx. Noted off 1220 12/6 but back on at recheck that afternoon.
 - 1330 USA, New York, WWRV, 0154 12/7 bizarre sermon w/fiery EE preacher & SS translator alternating back & forth a few words at a time. Figured out who it was when he said something about Radio Vision, which prompted me to check 530 for a //, sure enuf they were. Mixing w/jumble of other stations.
 - 1340 VIRGIN ISLANDS (US), Charlotte Amalie, WSTA, 2011 12/5 community bulletin board pgm w/many St Croix & St Thomas items. The only USVI stn I definitely ID'ed, aside from tentative on WVWI-1000
 - 1340 VENEZUELA, Caracas, YVNE, 0454 12/7 apparently the one w/ tail end of s/off anmt, then vocal NA
 - 1350 UNID 2355 12/6 someone off freq, creating a loud growl. "Quality Car Wash" ad in SS surfaced 2356, possibly WEGA.
 - 1370 COLOMBIA, Bogota, HJKX, 2358 12/6, atop w/R Mundial ID, mention of "Bogota, capital de Colombia"
 - 1370 PUERTO RICO, Viques, WIVV 2140 12/5 & other times religious pgms in American English. Didn't wait for ID but nothing else fits.
 - 1380 VENEZUELA, Pto Cabello, YVNG, 0224 12/5 good w/SS rock mx & Ondas del Mar ID
 - 1400 GRENADA, Harbor Lights, 2121 12/5 and many other times, strong w/religious pgms, never waited for definite ID. Off before 0300 12/6 & just an OC 0141 12/7, so seems to s/off early
 - 1410 UNID, 0211 12/7 "?la (something) mismo?" ID?? Fair but atop at end of song.
 - 1420 PUERTO RICO, Ponce, WUKQ, 2135 12/5 SS atop w/Puerto Rico mentions. Probably WUKQ. Het from 1422.
 - 1430 PUERTO RICO, Caguas, WNEL, 0609 12/7 strong w/ Notiuono ID
 - 1430 VENEZUELA, Pto La Cruz, 1152 12/6 local ads, TC, then man w/nx. R Bahia ID 1850 12/6.
 - 1440 UNID, Loud growl (a few hundred Hz het) here all evening 12/5 & 6. Cleared up some time after midnight. If I'd had more time I could have nailed down the offender's s/off time.
 - 1450 UNID, loud growl (a few hundred Hz) here all evening 12/5 & 6

- making it hard to decipher anything else. Noticed it was gone when I checked around 0600, not sure when the culprit signed off.
- 1470 VENEZUELA, Carupano, YVSY, 1215 12/5 loud w/R Vibracion ID & Cumbia mx. Strong signal day and night. Still on 0610 12/7 so probably AN
- 1480 PUERTO RICO, Fajardo, WMDD, 1945 12/5 long string of ads for Fajardo businesses, then "(something) 14-80" jingle into mx
- 1490 PUERTO RICO, Ponce, WLEO, 1939 12/5 tuned in during "Ponca, 14-90 AM" ID, then several Puerto Rico ads
- 1500 VENEZUELA, Cumana, YVRZ, 1847 12/6 "Dos Mil" ID & mentions of Cumana. Good signal all day.
- 1500 USA, Washington, WTOP, 0139 12/7 call ID, traffic report & wx u/YVRZ
- 1512 UNID, Screamer het 2138 12/6, never produced audio despite many rechecks and very little 1510 QRM.
- 1520 PUERTO RICO, San Juan, WVOZ, 1148 12/6 soft SS vocals & La Voz ID.
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, 2030 12/5 first noted as a het, male talk surfaced 2123 but not enough to ID the language. Remained a het most of the evening. Surfaced again 2056 12/6 w/Middle Eastern mx (male vocal), easily separable from 1520, anmt by man in Arabic 2100 seemed to match ID listed in WRTH, then mx fanfare & talk. Good level 2105 recheck w/male talk.
- 1530 VATICAN CITY, 2110 12/5, Vatican Radio IS, then SS rlg's pgm to 2130, woman w/Radio Vaticana ID, then IS & PP pgm. Fair-good signal. Again 2109 12/6 fair w/IS & "Radio Vaticana, programa espanol" ID. This was far and away the easiest TA. 1530 was essentially a QRM free channel until WSAI faded in.
- 1530 USA, Cincinnati, WSAI, 2252 12/5 ID & Christmas song, noted later w/U of Kentucky basketball, plus various other times w/adult standards. Had the frequency pretty much to themselves both nights.
- 1539 UNID TA het around sunset 12/6. Way too much ZNS1 QRM to get any audio.
- 1540 BAHAMAS, Nassau, ZNS1, 0045 12/5 "National Voice of the Bahamas" ID during "Night Time Serenade" pgm. Strong most of the time at night w/only traces of weak QRM.
- 1548 UNID, TA het around sunset 12/7. Kuwait??
- 1550 VENEZUELA, Los Teques, YVMW, 0206 12/6 fair but dominant w/R Metropolitana ID
- 1560 PUERTO RICO, Bayamon, WRSJ 0209 12/6 good w/"NCN" ID during Christmas greeting, then SS monologue
- 1570 DOMINICAN REP, Sto Domingo, HIAJ, 2301 12/5, R Amancer Internacional ID after religious pgm. Dominant.
- 1580 VENEZUELA, Cumana, YVTK, 2026 12/5 good w/promo for "Radionovelas de Manzanares", sounded like they were giving previews of coming shows. Good signal all day.
- 1580 VENEZUELA, 0016 12/6 & various other times, someone //YVRQ-910. Also 2134 12/6 w/Venez NA & start of a sporting event //910. Generally dominant all evening w/1-2 other stns sometimes mixing, better signal than 910 most of the time. Signal strength suggests YVTK, which was in well all day. The other 2 listed YV's are pretty far away.
- 1580 UNID, 0601 12/5, ID sounding like "R Patris? AM Central", didn't have tape running at the time
- 1580 UNID, 2106 12/5 unid SS talk w/3 descending chimes repeated in background
- 1590 PUERTO RICO, Guyama, WXRf, 2049 12/6 possible ID giving PO Box in San Juan
- 1600 PUERTO RICO, Bayamon, WLUZ, 2045 12/6 Puerto Rico ads & mention of Bayamon.

- 1602 UNID TA het from well before to well after sunset 12/5&6, but never heard any audio.
- 1610 ANGUILLA, Caribbean Beacon, religion day & night. See 690 for additional comments.
- 1660 USA, 2326 12/5 good o/unid US stn w/many R Unica IDs. I thought I had something really exotic until they said R Unica & Nueva York in the same breath! Note that the Argentine is listed as R Unidad, a potential source of confusion. Unid w/adult standards in background.
- 1680 USA, 2332 12/5 sports talk, not //1700, fair signal. Apparently WTTM Princeton, NJ
- 1690 USA, Lexington Park, WPTX, 2329 12/5 I assume this was the Talkradio net stn here, good w/network ads & PSAs, but dead air where local anmts should've gone.
- 1700 USA, Miami Sprs, WAFN 2328 12/5 probably the one w/sports talk at good level

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Gary Larson, 2806 Lincoln, Burbank CA 91504
[12/8] I had a nice call with the CE of the Salem Comm. Group here and told of IRCA and the NRC log listing KIEV as U4. He said the XR site has a hanging radiator cable to form the 2 patterns. I asked about 1390 Long Beach and its no longer a Salem property. I mentioned KFOX 1650 and he says they aren't using a tower at 1390 site now - the new XR of 1650 is diplexing with 1330's site. Salem's CE is Bill Sheets. Also 1240 KEZY is now mostly simul. with 99.5 KKLA. 1190 KXXM has most programs airing from Glendale, but he says some go by phone circuit to a studio on Brand, from remote studios or locations. Called KWKW and found out the CE is John Cooper. He probably handles KIRN 670 too, as well as KWKV 1220. Just called 1519 KIKA - receptionist told me a call change is coming in the future. Call to be KXXM. Also the CE is Rick Hunt, PD is Tom Scott and Pres-Owner is Art Astor. Request line is 909-483-1510; fax is 483-1515. Hope everyone's holiday goes well. Good DX to all in 2001. 73

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840 TIS Ken Tam, Electrical Operations; CalTrans, 111 Grand Ave, Oakland CA 94612; L; 143f+; BP
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860 XEMO Sergio Golarie Quiros, Gerente de Promociones; XEMO, Grupo Uniradio, General Manuel Marquez de Leon no. 950 Zona Rio, Tijuana, BCN 22320, Mexico; LB; 40; PM

909 Brian Fergusson, PD; Southern Star, Private Bag 92-636, Symonds St, Auckland, New Zealand; LQ; 50; PM
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1170 KPUG Joseph Ponder, Promotions Dir; 2219 Yew Street Road, Bellingham WA 98226; LB+; 7; PM

1200 KOQI Julie Hahn; 5420 T St, Sacramento CA 95819; P; 15; PM

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1330 KJLL Don Wiggins, GM; 4320 N Campbell, Suite 234, Tucson AZ 85718; L; 10; PM

1450 KVSI Keith Mantendal, GM; P O Box 1450, Montpelier ID 83254; R; 5; PM

1630 KCJJ Tom Suter, SalesMgr; P O Box 2188, Iowa City IA 52244-2118; Q; 10; PM [Preveiously recd e-mail veriel]

TIS Russ Lee, Traffic Operations; State of California, Dept of Transportation, 1656 Union St, P O Box 3700, Eureka CA 95502-3700; L; 3; PM [Station in Arcata CA; was testing on 1630 kHz, now on 1610 kHz]

1680 KAVT Paul Shinn, CE; paul@kstn.net; E; 30; PM [Fresno CA]
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WHAT was received: L = Letter with personalized statement; F = Form letter; Q = QSL card, commercially printed; C = Postcard or similar card supplied by station; P = Prepared card supplied by DXer; R = DXer's report returned with statement; cf = Certificate; E = Verification by e-mail; fx = Verification by FAX; M = Coverage map; B = Bumper or other sticker; bc = Business card; + = Extra goodies
WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up, by mail, FAX, e-mail, or visit; n = Return postage not used; r = Return postage returned

NOTES: * [For this column] = See comment below

Good to have Bob back with us this month! Patrick notes that he received one of the best verification packages ever with his letter from 2ZW-1314, which also included a 2KY logo T-shirt, two key chains, a 2KY pen, two stickers, and a 2KY Racing Radio logo cap. He had sent them return postage in the form of mint stamps, but 2ZW wound up spending \$17.60 Australian to send all of this to him! Nice one, Patrick! This column was prepared a week early on 12/19/00 to accommodate my vacation schedule. 73, SSH.

HEARING IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

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Welcome to another edition of the Grapevine! As many of you know by now, I was injured in a freak household accident on September 27, 2000. It resulted in serious injury which required a hospital stay of ten days and several weeks of recovery at home.

This edition of the Grapevine is sponsored by the frequency of 1260 kHz, by the state of South Dakota (plus Hawaii for our West Coast members), and by the province of Manitoba.

FEATURED FREQUENCY: 1260 kHz

Mike Sanburn, Bellflower, CA
KGIL/KJQI San Fernando, CA: First heard in 1972, local
KNNS/KGIL/KJAZ Beverly Hills, CA: Current city of license
KYA/KOIT San Francisco, CA: Good most nights
KPOW Powell, WY: Logged in 1990
CFRN Edmonton, AB: Logged in 1976
XEMW San Luis Rio Colorado, BCN, Mexico: Logged in 1990
KSNO Aspen, CO: Logged in 1991
KICN Idaho Falls, ID: 1992, testing on day power
XESA Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico: Good in January 1993
KFGQ Boone, IA: DX Test March 20, 1994

Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO
WIBV/WSDZ Belleville, IL: Local station, nullable at night
WTJH East Point, GA: Heard January 8, 1994 at night (all 39 watts!)
WNDE Indianapolis, IN: Heard January 13, 1994 at night
KWYR Winner, SD: Heard August 24, 2000 at night

FEATURED STATE: South Dakota

Mike Sanburn, Bellflower, CA
KKAA-1560 Aberdeen: Logged in August 1977

Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO
WNAX-570 Yankton: Occasionally at night
KSOO-1140 Sioux Falls: Nightly in WRVA null, dominant when WRVA is
off
KOKK-1210 Huron: Heard December 11, 1996 at sunset
KWYR-1260 Winner: Heard August 24, 2000 at night
KELO-1320 Sioux Falls: Heard October 30, 1994 at night, local KSIV
nulled

WEST COAST SPECIAL: Hawaii

Mike Sanburn, Bellflower, CA
KMVI-550 Wailuku, Maui: Excellent at sunrise, August 1975
KORL-650 Honolulu, Oahu: Heard late at night December 27, 1976 (now
KHNR)
KUAI-720 Eleele, Kauai: DX Test on February 25, 1991
KGU-760 Honolulu, Oahu: Heard October 22, 1990 with KFMB off
KHLO-850 Hilo, Hawaii (The Big Island): Good signal on St. Patrick's
Day, 1990
KDEO-940 Waipahu, Oahu: Good at sunrise on January 20, 1991 (now
KJPN)

FEATURED PROVINCE: Manitoba

Mike Sanburn, Bellflower, CA
CBW-990 Winnipeg: Occasionally since 1990
CKX-1150 Brandon: DX Test on December 6, 1993 (now CKXA-101.1 MHz)

Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO
CKY-580 Winnipeg: Occasionally at night
CKRC-630 Winnipeg: Heard May 2, 1994 at night; local KJSL off CJOB-
680 Winnipeg: Occasionally at night
CKLQ-880 Brandon: Heard November 2, 1993 at night; semi-local WINU

off

CFAM-950 Altona: Heard May 26, 1997 at night
CBW-990 Winnipeg: Nighttime regular
CKSB-1050 St. Boniface: Occasionally at night in XEG null
CKX-1150 Brandon: DX Test on December 6, 1993
CJRB-1220 Boissevain: Occasionally at night
CHSM-1250 Steinbach: Heard September 2, 2000 at night

That will wrap up another edition of the Grapevine. I'd like to wish everyone in IRCA a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that 2001 is approaching!

The next edition will feature the frequency of 770 kHz, the state of North Dakota, and the Canadian province of Saskatchewan.

NEW X BAND LIST (REVISED) - Pat Martin, Seaside OR

1610

KALT - TX, ATLANTA-SPT

1620

WPHG - AL, ATMORE-GOS (SILENT)
KSMH - CA, AUBURN-REL (ETWN)
KBLI - ID, BLACKFOOT-TLK/SPT
WHLY - IN, SOUTH BEND-NOS
KAZP - NE, BELLEVUE-SPT
WTAW - TX, COLLEGE STATION-TLK
KYIZ - WA, RENTON-UC-AC

1630

WRDW - GA, AUGUSTA-TALK/SPT
KCJJ - IA, IOWA CITY-AC
KKWY - WY, FOX FARM-C&W
XEUT - MEXICO, TIJUANA-JZ

1640

KDIA - CA, VALLEJO-REL (EWTN)
KPBC - OR, LAKE OSWEGO-REL/GOS
WKSH - WI, SUSSEX-REL

1650

KFOX - CA, TORRANCE-KK
KBJD - CO, DENVER-REL-AC
KDNZ - IA, CEDAR FALLS-NX/TLK/SPT
WHKT - VA, PORTSMOUTH-REL/TLK

1660

WMIB - FL, MARCO-NOS
WQSN - MI, KALAMAZOO-SPT
WWRU - NJ, JERSEY CITY-SS/ETH
KQWB - ND, WEST FARGO-NOS
KRZX - TX, WACO-NWS/TLK/SPT
KXOL - UT, BRIGHAM CITY-OLD

1670

KAZT - CA, REDDING-SPT (1/2001)
WRNC - GA, WARNER ROBINS-C&W
WTDY - WI, MADISON-TLK/SPT

1680

KAVT - CA, FRESNO-DISNEY (1/2001)
WTIR - FL, WINTER GARDEN-TOURIST

WJNZ - MI, ADA-UC/RAP
WTTM - NJ, PRINCETON-SPT

1690
KSXX - CA, ROSEVILLE (TESTING)
KDDZ - CO, ARVADA-DISNEY
WPTX-MD, LEXINGTON PK-TK/SPT/NOS
(SOMETIMES USES WMDM CALLS)

1700
WEUV - AL, HUNTSVILLE-BG
WAFN - FL, MIAMI SPRINGS-SPT
KBGG - IA, DES MOINES-CNN NEWS
KQXX - TX, BROWNSVILLE-SS
KTBK - TX, SHERMAN-SPT

FOR SALE

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You can get a copy of the Radio Plus+ interim catalog with final prices. The catalog is available via email to anyone who requests it and IRCA members get a 10% discount off listed prices.

(I also have a copy of the catalog if you contact me, I will send you one - phil bytheway)

Doug Pearson - va7ca@home.com

I would like to try to locate a Hallicrafter, HA30, I think... it's an old 7 X 8 X13 inch 5 or 7 tube radio, cheap. My email ad is above.

GEOMAGNETIC INDICES

Geomagnetic Summary November 21 2000 through December 25 2000
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Tabulated from email status daily

11/21	185	7	1	low-mod	quiet-unsettled	- 9
22	195	7	2	moderate	quiet-unsettled	- 7
23	205	9	0	moderate	quiet-unsettled	- 3
24	197	9	2	mod-high	unsettled-active	- 5
flares						
25	202	8	2	mod-high	unsettled-mas	- 6
flares						
26	202	20	5	high	unsettled-mas	- 10
flare						
27	192	41	2	mod-high	unsettled-mas	- 8
28	196	25	5	low-mod	active-mis	- 8
29	188	43	1	low-mod	quiet-active	- 7
11/30	192	5	1	moderate	quiet-unsettled	- 5
12/ 1	185	4	0	low-mod	quiet-unsettled	- 7
2	167	3	1	low	quiet	- 5
3	164	14	2	low	quiet-unsettled	- 5
4	152	9	1	v low-low	quiet-unsettled	- 7
12	150	6	3	low-mod	quiet-unsettled	- 6
13	165	4	0	low-mod	quiet-unsettled	- 4
14	182	2	0	low-mod	quiet	- 5

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